

# The Parables of Jesus

## in the Gospel of Luke (10)

Luke 6:34-49

### DISCUSS

Think of a time or experience where someone was unkind/rude to you; how did you react? How did you feel afterwards?

### DISCOVER

Focus: The Lord's teaching in verses 35-49 has two basic elements: the divine word and the divine life. Life is inward and the word is the speaking forth outwardly of life. When we receive the word of life, we receive His life, a life that expresses God.

#### I. Read through Luke 6:35-49.

Luke 6:35 But love your enemies, and do good and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High; for He is kind to the unthankful and evil.

Luke 6:36 Be full of compassion, even as your Father also is full of compassion.

Luke 6:37 And do not judge, and you shall by no means be judged; and do not condemn, and you shall by no means be condemned; release, and you will be released;

Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you; a good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, they will give into your bosom. For with what measure you measure, it shall be measured to you in return.

Luke 6:39 And He also spoke a parable to them: A blind man cannot guide a blind man, can he? Will not both fall into a pit?

Luke 6:40 A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who has been perfected will be like his teacher.

Luke 6:41 And why do you look at the splinter which is in your brother's eye, but the beam which is in your own eye you do not consider?

Luke 6:42 How can you say to your brother, Brother, let me remove the splinter which is in your eye, you yourself not seeing the beam which is in your eye? Hypocrite, first remove the beam from your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the splinter which is in your brother's eye.

Luke 6:43 For there is no good tree that produces corrupt fruit, nor again a corrupt tree that produces good fruit.

Luke 6:44 For each tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not collect figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a thornbush.

Luke 6:45 The good man, out of the good treasure of his heart, brings forth that which is good, and the evil man, out of the evil treasure of his heart, brings forth that which is evil; for out of the abundance of his heart his mouth speaks.

Luke 6:46 And why do you call Me, Lord, Lord, and do not do the things that I say?

Luke 6:47 Everyone who comes to Me and hears My words and does them, I will show you whom he is like.

Luke 6:48 He is like a man building a house, who dug and went deep and laid a foundation on the rock. And when a flood came, the river broke out against that house, yet it was not strong enough to shake it, because it had been built well.

Luke 6:49 But he who hears and does not do is like a man who built a house upon the earth without a foundation, against which the river broke out, and immediately it collapsed, and the crash of that house was great.

A. Using verses 43-45, how do you think we can produce good fruit? (Hint: look up Romans 11:16-19 and Galatians 5:22-23)

B. Using verses 46-47, what is the rock in verse 48? Give some examples of "floods" of human life?

C. How does the blind guide (v. 39) correspond to the house built on the earth (v. 49)?

### DEEPER

### DIVE

#### I. Read the following excerpt:

*In order to practice the principles described in 6:17-49, we need the divine life. Life is the basic factor for any kind of being, doing, or working. If we do not have a certain kind of life, we cannot have that kind of being; neither can we have a certain behavior or accomplish a certain work. For example, an apple tree has an apple-tree life. In order for a tree to be an apple tree, it must have the life of an apple tree. Likewise, a monkey has a monkey life. In order for an animal to be a monkey, it must have the life of a monkey. Only by having the life of a monkey is it possible for an animal to behave like a monkey. The crucial point here is that if we would have a certain being and behave in a certain way, we must have a certain kind of life. Life is the basic factor of our being, behavior, and work.*

*The Man-Savior has the kind of life described in chapter six of the Gospel of Luke. Before His death and resurrection, He Himself lived such a life. But through His resurrection He has become the life-giving Spirit, and now He lives in us. His desire is to live in us the same kind of life He lived on earth.*

*In Philippians 1:21 Paul speaks of living Christ. When Christ, the God-man, was on earth, He lived a life that was according to the highest standard of morality. Now Christ lives in us so that we may live Him. Actually, Christ Himself is the highest standard of morality, for He is the man created by God in Genesis 1 plus the tree of life mentioned in Genesis 2. This highest standard of morality is now a Person living in us and making it possible for us to live Christ. This is the reason Paul says in Philippians 4:8, "Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is righteous, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is well-spoken of, if there is any virtue and if any praise, take account of these things." This is to live according to the highest standard of morality, a morality which is actually a Person, Christ the God-man.*

*In 6:17-49 the Lord teaches us the highest standard of morality. I hope that many of us will delve into this teaching. If we pray-read these verses and digest them, this will affect our daily walk.*

II. Why do you think the Lord used rock in reference to His Word? Why do you think He used "tree" and "fruit" in reference to life and living?

### DISCIPLE

Memorize 6:48 and recite to the ones next to you.

*"He is like a man building a house, who dug and went deep and laid a foundation on the rock.*

*And when a flood came, the river broke out against that house, yet it was not strong enough to shake it, because it had been built well."*