

## **Luke Chapter 6 Second Continued**

**Luke 6:34 "And if ye lend [to them] of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? for sinners also lend to sinners, to receive as much again."**

This is just explaining that if we conduct our lives no better than the worldly, then we will be classified as worldly.

Our unselfish attitude of helping those who we have no hope of ever getting it back from separates the Christian as not of the world.

**Luke 6:35 "But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and [to] the evil."**

“Children of the Highest”:

I.e., God’s children should bear the indelible stamp of His moral character.

Since He is loving, gracious, and generous, even to those who are His enemies, we should be like Him (Eph. 5:1-2).

Jesus here, is speaking of those who desire to walk in His footsteps.

God loved every one of us and still does.

He is not willing that even one will be lost.

God the Father loved us so much, regardless of our sins, that He gave His Son that we might be have salvation.

If we are His children, then we must love as He loves.

**Luke 6:36 "Be ye therefore merciful, as your Father also is merciful."**

Forgive and you shall be forgiven.

This mercy of the Father is what rewrote our life to include life everlasting.

God's grace and mercy is what opened the gate for us to walk through and be saved.

**Luke 6:37 "Judge not, and ye shall not be judged: condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: forgive, and ye shall be forgiven:"**

“Judge not”:

This forbids hypocrisy and a condemning spirit rising from self-righteousness.

It does not condemn true discernment.

“Ye shall be forgiven”:

This is not to suggest that God will withdraw justification from those who have already received the free pardon He extends to all believers.

Forgiveness in that sense, a permanent and complete acquittal from the guilt and ultimate penalty of sin, belongs to all who are in Christ (John 5:24; Rom. 8:1; Eph. 1:7).

God forbids us to judge other people.

Jesus is the Judge of the world.

It is always very easy to see the faults of others.

But many times we cannot see our own faults.

The religious people of Jesus' day were condemning Him with no idea of who He really was.

The best policy is not to condemn others at all, and then you won't make a mistake.

If we expect God to forgive us, then we too must forgive.

**Luke 6:38 "Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."**

“Good measure”:

They shall give you good measure, or "full" measure.

“Pressed down”:

As figs or grapes might be, and thus many more might be put into the measure.

“Shaken together”:

To make it more compact, and thus to give more.

“Running over”:

So full that the measure would overflow.

“Shall men give”:

This is said to be the reward of "giving" to the poor and needy; and the meaning is that the man who is liberal will find others liberal to him in dealing with them, and when he is also in circumstances of want.

A man who is himself kind to the poor - who has that "character" established - will find many who are ready to help "him" abundantly when he is in want.

He that is parsimonious, close, stubborn, will find few or none who will aid him.

“Into your bosom”:

That is, to you.

The word "bosom" here has reference to a custom among Oriental nations of making the bosom or front part of their garments large, so that articles could be carried in them, answering the purpose of our pockets.

Compare Exodus 4:6-7; Proverbs 6:27; Ruth 3:15.

**Luke 6:39 "And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch?"**

Verse 39 is perhaps a warning to the people of that day not to follow the scribes and Pharisees who were seeing all the miracles that He was doing and were totally blind as to who He was.

He is saying if they are too blind to see this that is before their very eyes, then why are you following them.

He is also saying, if you follow them, you are just as blind as they are; and you will fall too.

We could look at this for us also.

Signs are everywhere that the second coming of the Lord is near.

Many church people are so blinded by their doctrine (like these Pharisees), that they cannot see the signs.

The Lord warned about getting in a rut and following without looking around you.

This is disaster for them then, and for those now who will not open their eyes and see.

**Luke 6:40 "The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master."**

That leaves us all out, because we are not perfect.

The worker's goal should be to be as near like the master as is possible.

The Lord set the pattern.

It should be our goal to fit that pattern as near as we can.

We are the apprentice; He is the Master. We are learning from Him.

**Luke 6:41 "And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye?"**

“Mote ... beam”:

The humor of the imagery was no doubt intentional.

Christ often employed hyperbole to paint comical images (18:25; Matt. 23:24).

**Luke 6:42 "Either how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me pull out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to pull out the mote that is in thy brother's eye."**

This shows me that those of us who are ministering to others must live wholesome, upright lives.

We must allow the Lord to purge us and do away with sin in our life before we can begin to minister to others.

How can we tell the people we are ministering to not to sin, if there is sin in our lives?

We might tell them, but it would be meaningless as long as there was sin in us.

Not, do as I say do, but do as I do is pleasing unto God.

Ministers should set a pattern of righteousness.

Rightly so, Jesus calls those hypocrites who do otherwise.

You cannot live a double life.

The rules are for everyone.

Ministers are not exempt from God's laws.

It is easy to see the sin in someone else and very difficult to see it in ourselves.

**Luke 6:43 "For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit."**

We know that a sticker bush does not produce luscious peaches, don't we?

To get a peach, you must have a peach tree.

Peach trees do not produce cockleburs, either.

Whatever the tree is, the fruit will be like it.

We Christians are branches, and Jesus is the tree we are to be attached to.

If the tree is Christ, the branches will be Christ-like.

**Luke 6:44 "For every tree is known by his own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes."**

This is what has been said above.

Whatever the tree or bush is, is what the fruit of that tree will be.

Figs come from fig trees and grapes come from grape vines (Romans 11:16) tells it all.

Romans 11:16 "For if the first fruit [be] holy, the lump [is] also [holy]: and if the root [be] holy, so [are] the branches."

**Luke 6:45 "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and an evil man out of the evil treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is evil: for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh."**

Romans 10:10 "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Out of the issue of the heart the mouth speaketh, as is said above.

If your heart is pure, then the words you speak will be pure.

A Person with an evil heart cannot speak sweet words.

The heart is either desperately wicked, or it is full of love for God.

**Luke 6:46 "And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say?"**

"Why call ye me, Lord, Lord":

It is not sufficient to give lip service to Christ's lordship.

Genuine faith produces obedience.

A tree is known by its fruits (verse 44).

If you call someone Lord, you are obligated to do exactly what He tells you to do.

Not only are you obligated, but by calling Him Lord you are saying that He has every right to rule every part of your life.

These people are not living in truth, if they call Him Lord and then do not do what He says.

**Luke 6:47 "Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like:"**

This is like the parable of the seed that fell on good ground and brought forth much fruit, some even 100 fold.

This is a wise person who receives the Lord and then lives trying to please Him in all that you are doing.

**Luke 6:48 "He is like a man which built a house, and digged deep, and laid the foundation on a rock: and when the flood arose, the stream beat vehemently upon that house, and could not shake it: for it was founded upon a rock."**

The wise person builds his life upon the Rock who is Jesus Christ our Lord.

The storms of life may come and try to wash us off of the Rock, but this is the solid Rock that cannot be moved.

If we are grounded in the teachings of Jesus, problems will still come; but we will not be overwhelmed by them.

We will be able to stand and not be moved.

The Lord is our very present help in all our troubles.

When we ask in the name of Jesus Christ, God will answer our prayers and help us.

In John 14:13 we read, "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

**Luke 6:49 "But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built a house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great."**

Men who build houses will tell you that they dig down over 8 inches until they find a really solid spot to put the footing for the house to be built upon.

If they did not do this and put the house on sand or loose dirt at the top, the whole house would shift if a hard rain came.

A foolish man would build his house or his life in this manner.

He would not have a solid foundation for his house or his life.

He would just float around until he fell.

Great would be the fall of this man.

### **Luke Chapter 6 Second Continued Questions**

1. Why should we not lend to receive in return?
2. Who will we be called the children of if we love our enemies?
3. If we belong to God, how should we conduct our lives?
4. Why should we be merciful?
5. What 2 things allowed us to walk through the gate to salvation?
6. How can you be guaranteed you will not be judged?
7. Who is the Judge of all the world?
8. Who was condemning Jesus, because they had no idea who He was?
9. Describe the way you will be given good things, if you give first?
10. How will God measure things to us?
11. We know we cannot out give God. Who else can we not out give?
12. If the blind lead the blind, what will happen to both of them?
13. Who was the blind Jesus was speaking of here?
14. Who shall be as their master?
15. What should be the goal of every Christian?

16. Before a person starts telling someone else about their faults, what should that person do?
17. How should the person ministering to others live?
18. What type of pattern should a minister set?
19. A good tree bringeth forth \_\_\_\_\_ fruit?
20. We Christians are branches, and Jesus is the \_\_\_\_\_.
21. What is a tree known by?
22. What message do we get in Romans 11:16?
23. Of the abundance of the \_\_\_\_\_ the mouth speaketh.
24. Romans 10:10 says, "For with the \_\_\_\_\_ man believeth unto righteousness".
25. What did Jesus tell them not to call Him, unless they did what He said?
26. A person who comes to Jesus and listens and does what Jesus says is like whom?
27. The foolish man's house was built on what?
28. What is the secret to getting our prayers answered?