

Study Guide for June 13, 1999

Series: Lessons for Learners (Luke 4-6)

Text: Luke 6:37-49: Learning to be HONEST

1. Recall a time or situation when you were forced to be painfully honest. What was the long-term result, spiritually, from having to take an “inside look”?

2. Jesus sets up a contrast describing opposing results for how we react to people (vs. 37-38).
 - A. When we judge and condemn others we can expect . . . _____.

 - B. When we forgive and give to others we can expect . . . _____.

 - C. How can we can avoid being judgmental but still exercise good discernment ?

3. Jesus employs two metaphors (vs. 39-40) to highlight the importance of living an exemplary life as his followers seek to influence others. What lesson do you think Jesus intends with the image of . . .
 - A. . . . the blind leading the blind:

 - B. . . . a student is like, but not above, his teacher:

 - C. Reflect on similar words that Jesus spoke in John 13:15-17 then identify a personal application.

4. Jesus forces us to honestly self-evaluate our tendency toward religious hypocrisy (vs. 41-42).
 - A. How does Jesus employ humor and what effect does this have?

 - B. In your words restate Jesus’ warning in the form of a principle. (e. g. “It is impossible to correct someone else’s shortcomings until we have dealt with our own shortcomings.)

5. Words reveal the character of a person and the contents of the heart (vs. 43-45).
 - A. How does this realization (see Matt. 7:15-20) fit with the warning against passing judgment?

 - B. Honestly - what do your words reveal about the content of your heart?

6. Jesus closes his “sermon” with a challenge to put into practice the teaching just presented (vs. 46-49).
 - A. When will it become evident if a person obeyed Jesus or merely listened? (see also I Cor. 3:11-15)

 - B. What is required if one is going to “lay a foundation on the rock”?