

Luke's Gospel: Son of Man, Seeker of Men.

Part 16: What You SEE is What You ARE:

How do you see the world around you?



**Today's Big Question:** How do you see the world around you?

**Luke 6:37-42 (NKJV): Do Not Judge**

<sup>37</sup> "Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. <sup>38</sup> Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

<sup>39</sup> And He spoke a parable to them: "Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch? <sup>40</sup> A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher. <sup>41</sup> And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the plank in your own eye? <sup>42</sup> Or how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove the speck that *is* in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the plank that *is* in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother's eye."

**Let's jump into the message:**

**What you SEE is what you ARE! How do you see the world around you?**

1. Do you see the B\_\_\_\_\_ or the W\_\_\_\_\_ in others (v. 37a)?
  - Judge not. What does this mean?

**Scripture Insight:** Is it ever right to judge someone? “When we use the word *judge* to mean “discern,” it is a good thing. Discernment protects us, whereas judgment attacks others. We should evaluate the motives, attitudes and behaviors of others ([1Co 5:11-13](#); [6:5](#); [Php 3:17-18](#)), and Christians are called to *test* everything ([1Th 5:21](#)) so that we will not be deceived ([1Jn 4:1](#)). But when we delight in revealing others' deficiencies, we fall into the trap Jesus warned about.”<sup>1</sup>

- You see the world **AS** you are. If you are broken, you will see the world through a broken lens. If you are forgiven and made whole, you will see the world through the same grace that you have received.
2. Are you **L\_\_\_\_\_** or **H\_\_\_\_\_** towards others (v. 37)?
- What stream do you swim in—the creek of condemnation or the river of redemption?
  - Those who have been forgiven greatly should also forgive greatly!

[Luke 7:47](#) (NLT): “I tell you, her sins—and they are many—have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love.”

3. Do people see you as **G\_\_\_\_\_** or as **S\_\_\_\_\_** (v. 38)?
- There are three types of people in the world: Givers, Takers, and Fakers!
  - Be known as a generous giver...

**Scripture Insight:** [6:38](#) “*the measure you use.*” “Measuring” appropriately was a familiar image from contemporary marketplaces. “It is measured to one according to the measure by which one measures” was also a Jewish maxim.”<sup>2</sup>

#### 4 Reasons Why We Should Be Generous:

- 1) **God has called us to be generous.** -Give... “You can give without loving, but you can't love without giving” -Rick Warren.
- 2) **You truly can't out give God.** At the end of the day, God will always be more generous than you! -Give and it will be given to you—good measure.
- 3) **You measure of giving will be your measure of return.** -For with the measure that you use, it will be measured back to you. This is the law of the harvest. You reap what you sow ([Galatians 6:7-9](#)).
- 4) **Giving leads overflow while stockpiling leads to selfishness.** -Pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom.

4. Do you see **L\_\_\_\_\_** or **D\_\_\_\_\_** in the world around you (v. 39)?
- If you are spiritually blind, your life will be filled with depressing darkness.

<sup>1</sup> Quote from NIV Quest Study Bible.

<sup>2</sup> Quote from NIV Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible.

- If you are spiritually alive, your life will be flooded with glorious light.
- The blind leading the blind—be careful whose leadership you follow!

**Scripture Insight:** [6:39](#) “The blind here refers to teachers who cannot see where they are going and are unable to lead others. Jesus was warning against self-righteousness and arrogance. It is debated whether Jesus was describing the Pharisees here or simply warning His disciples about dangerous attitudes. The focus on the disciples' attitudes suggests the latter, though the remark would also have applied to the teachers with whom Jesus was in conflict.”<sup>3</sup>

Here are 10 characteristics of good leadership by Ron Edmondson:

- 1. Recognizes the value in other people, so continually invests in others** - Good leaders see a large part of their role as developing other leaders. Leadership development takes place in an organization as good leaders begin to share their experiences, good and bad, with others.
- 2. Shares information with those in the organization** - There is a tendency of some leaders to hold information, because information is power, but a good leader knows that the more information the team has that collectively the team is better, which directly benefits the leader.
- 3. Has above average character** - There are no perfect people, but for a leader to be considered good, they must have a character that is unquestioned within the organization. Leadership always draws criticism from someone, so a leader may not be able to get everyone to believe in him or her, but the people who know the leader best should trust the leader's character.
- 4. Uses their influence for the good of others** - Good leaders are as interested in making a positive difference in people's lives as they are in creating a healthy profit margin. This doesn't mean that balance sheets and income statements aren't important. In fact, they are vital for the success of an organization (even nonprofits), but a good leader doesn't separate a desire for helping others from the desire for financial success. Good leaders find ways to leverage financial health to strengthen the well-being of others.
- 5. Is skillful and competent** - Good leaders can be depended on for their professionalism and follow-through. You don't question whether a good leader is going to be able to complete a task. If they don't know how to do something, they will find someone who does, but they will ensure that a job is done the best way it can be done.
- 6. Not afraid for others to succeed (even greater than their own success)** - Good leaders realize that some followers will outgrow the leader's ability to develop them any further. Good leaders, however, aren't threatened by another's success. They are willing to celebrate as those around them succeed.
- 7. Serves others expecting nothing in return** - Good leaders have a heart of service. They truly love and value people and want to help others for the good of the one being helped, not necessarily for personal gain.
- 8. Continues to learn** - Good leaders are always learning and implementing those learnings into the betterment of the organization. That could be through reading, conferences, Web-based learnings or through other leaders, but also through people who report to the leader.

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<sup>3</sup> Quote from Thomas Nelson NKJV Study Bible.

9. **Remains accessible, approachable and accountable to others** - Good leaders don't isolate themselves from people regardless of the amount of responsibility or power he or she attains. Good leaders willingly seek the input of other people into their professional and personal lives.

10. **Is visionary: thinks for the organization beyond today** - Good leaders are always thinking beyond today. "What's next?" is a common question asked by good leaders, knowing that someone must continually encourage change, growth and strategic thinking for an organization to remain healthy.<sup>4</sup>

5. **Are you walking in H\_\_\_\_\_ or in H\_\_\_\_\_** (v. 40-42)?

- Humility—Am I willing to learn from my teachers or am I trying to teach my teachers?
- Vision—My vision will be distorted as long as I am staring at the speck in your eye so that I can see that I am a crank with a plank hanging out my eye!

**Scripture Insight:** 6:41,42 "*speck ... plank*. This graphic, hyperbolic image would likely draw laughter — and provoke thought. If a splinter risked blinding one, how much more a roof beam? Ancient eye surgery, meanwhile, was a delicate art that could result in blindness."<sup>5</sup>

- Spiritual Myopia-being short sighted because of the plank in my eye.

2 Peter 2:5-9: <sup>5</sup> But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, <sup>6</sup> to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, <sup>7</sup> to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. <sup>8</sup> For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

**Take Home Truth:** *What You SEE is What You ARE.*

**Action Steps:**

- *For the critical, complaining, and overly cautious: Ask God to reveal the planks in your eye so that you can see the world as God sees the world.*
- *For those of you who desire to be salt and light—are you making the world better and brighter because of your witness and your walk? Remember your mission for 2018: **Each one reach one! Who are you reaching this year for Jesus?***

**Make a decision this week?** Please let us know on your Connection Card.

**Preview for next Sunday:** "Building Castles of Sand or Stone?" from Luke 6:43-49.

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<sup>4</sup> Edmondson, Ron. "10 Characteristics of Good Leadership." ChurchLeaders. February 12, 2018. Accessed May 22, 2018. <https://churchleaders.com/pastors/pastor-articles/146559-10-characteristics-of-good-leadership.html>.

<sup>5</sup> Quote from NIV Cultural Backgrounds Study Bible.