

From the Inside Out

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The Journey, Becoming a Disciple

Jesus taught us to become a stable, long-term follower by changing from the inside out.

Luke 6:39–49 KJV 1900

And he spake a parable unto them, Can the blind lead the blind? shall they not both fall into the ditch? The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but perceivest not the beam that is in thine own eye? 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. For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 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. 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. And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? Whosoever cometh to me, and heareth my sayings, and doeth them, I will shew you to whom he is like: He is like a man which built an 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. But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation built an house upon the earth; against which the stream did beat vehemently, and immediately it fell; and the ruin of that house was great.

#1 Good Eye

Luke 6:39–42 KJV 1900

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Self-aware

Self-disciplined

Patient and gentle with others

#2 Good Fruit

Luke 6:43–44 KJV 1900

⁴³ For a good tree bringeth not forth corrupt fruit; neither doth a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 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.

We like to gain value and respect by what we produce.

Because of this, we often attempt at manufacturing results.

Jesus was teaching us to focus on who we are and to trust that the results, or fruit, will follow accordingly.

#3 Good Heart

Luke 6:45 KJV 1900

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.

We say and do from the abundance of our heart.

Our actions “overflow” from the heart.

Its is vital we take care of our heart.

- Study it
- Cleanse it
- Feed it
- Condition it

Conclusion

Luke 6:46–49 KJV 1900

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Jesus is summing it up with a bottom line reality.

He is saying some claim to follow Him and call Him Lord, Lord, but they do what He says.

How can someone be your Lord, but you don't do what they say?

He is pointing out that it will eventually be known who is truly following Jesus.

When the storms come, those who truly follow will have a strong, deep foundation and will make it through standing up.

A good eye, fruit, and heart all dealt with being a genuine follower of Jesus from the inside out.

Let's follow Jesus from the inside out.

