

You Will Become Like Your Teacher

(Luke 6:39-45)

I. If you follow the spiritually blind you will be lead into a ditch because you are blind. (v39)

- A. Blind guides teach the traditions of man instead of the truth of God leading to destruction.
- B. Blind guides teach personal preferences instead of biblical precepts leading to destruction.
- C. Blind guides do not know the way to God, so they cannot show one the way to God.

II. Your spiritual teacher is leading you to become all of who he/she is. (v40)

- A. Your spiritual teacher is shaping and influencing your thoughts, motives and desires leading you to become all of who he/she is.
- B. Your spiritual teacher is shaping and influencing your communication, manner of life, and how you relate to others-- leading you to become all of he/she is.
- C. Your spiritual teacher is being led either by satan or the Son of God--leading you to become all of who satan is or all of who the Son of God is.

III. Beware of your own hypocrisy. (v41-v42)

- A. Beware of seeking to control and correct the small faults in the lives of others, while being oblivious to correcting the bigger problems in your own life.
- B. Beware trying to deal with the small matters of others, while ignoring your own sin of self-righteousness and self-indulgence revealing your massive self-centeredness.
- C. You can't help solve other people's problems effectively and carefully, until you deal with your own blindness.

IV. Your lifestyle will reveal if ultimately if your teacher is satan or the Son of God. (v43-v45)

- A. Your conduct exposes that either satan or the Son of God is your teacher (v43).
- B. Your character exposes that either satan or the Son of God is your teacher (v44).
- C. Your conversation exposes that either satan or the Son of God is your teacher (v45).

Key Point: Since no student is above his teacher, you are becoming like your teacher. Are you directing others by your traditions and preferences? Are you leading others into the ditch, because you are oblivious to your own faults? Are you seeking to control and correct others in the right direction, while minimizing your character issues as not as important as the person you are seeking to control and correct? Are you impatient, when dealing with the sins and faults of others with whom you are trying to control and correct in the right direction? Are you reading this and thinking about what someone is or is not doing to you or for you instead of seeing what you are or not doing to or for someone else? Does your, conduct, character, and conversation reveal preoccupation with Jesus Christ or a preoccupation with a life professing Christ but living for self? Who you think is your teacher may not be. It is time to evaluate your life to see who is really teaching you. You may be listening to one teacher but following another. Your consistent pattern in life is exposing who you are following! Everyone has bad days where we do not represent Jesus Christ, but we are talking about a consistent life pattern that exposes you are becoming like Jesus Christ or becoming like satan as a result of the teacher you truly follow.

By Whose Standards Am I Living?

