

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#18 – “Judging – You Better Learn to do it Right”

– Luke 6:39-45

I. Review and preparation for today’s text.

A. Last week’s study (the ending).

1. Luke 6:37-38

B. The godly response to sin.

1. Do not judge

2. Not a prohibition on all judgment

a. Examples

C. When is judgment necessary. Keep the following in mind:

1. The key is the disposition of the heart.

a. Do not treat people unfairly.

b. Do not judge motives

c. Beware of proportion – small offenses that receive the same response as large offenses.

d. Beware of harshness and an unforgiving attitude.

1. Daniel Bock

D. Today’s text – Luke 6:39-42.

II. Exposition

A. Luke 6:39-40

1. A plain to see meaning.

2. Two views of Jesus’ intent.

a. Reference to the Pharisees

1. Matthew 23:16

b. Broader context than just the Pharisees.

1. All are blind apart from the Holy Spirit

a. John 3:3; 3:18

2. Maintain the right perspective of our own sin.

3. Choosing of spiritual leaders.

a. Key texts: Luke 6:40; Matt. 10:24; John 13:16

4. Follow leaders who are not blind or else everyone else ends up in the d_____.

B. Luke 6:41-42

1. The problem: Vision to see the faults of others, but not his or her own faults.

2. Jesus’ rebuke of hypocritical religious leaders.

a. Matt. 23:13-15, 23, 27-28

3. Cyril of Alexandria

C. Luke 6:43-45

1. Self-righteous façade can obscure decaying e_____.

a. Self-r_____

b. Self-s_____

c. J_____

2. Paul’s indictment of Jewish hypocrisy – Rom. 2:21-24; 3:1-3

3. The horticultural axiom

a. The point – The analysis is accurate in order to make a valid j_____.

4. The mouth – a primary source to evaluate.

5. True faith changes our s_____ and t_____ -- James 1:26

6. Jesus’ remarks – Matthew 12:33-37

III. Points for Reflection

A. We must always examine our hearts which will cause us to remember our depravity.

B. How to make judgments:

Prayerfully, Biblically, Lovingly, Mercifully.

C. There is a necessity of judgment.