

Luke's Gospel – An Inclusive Savior
Lesson Eight

[Luke 6:12-26].....Do "Riches" make You Wicked?

- vs.13 *Disciple* means "student." Luke uses *apostle* to mean "sent out." Luke is (again) noting the use of these 12 in Acts
- vs.16 Luke is only Gospel to call Judas a "traitor"
- vs.17 **NOTE:** This is often referred to as the "Sermon on the Plain". Luke viewed the mountains as areas for prayer and vision, not preaching and teaching.
- vs.20 "Disciples" refers to more than the twelve
- vs.20-24 Luke focuses on the lower class
His message pertains to the future *and* the present
Luke is showing the reversal of fortunes in God's kingdom
- vs.25-26 Jesus is speaking to the oppressors of that society

[Luke 6:27-36].....Enough Love for Enemies Too

- vs.27-30 Jesus is stating that we are not to play victims(so defined by the things that happen to us), but to turn things around
- vs.31 We turn things around by taking the initiative in our conflicting situations
- vs.32-35 Luke's version of the Golden Rule(was a popular saying in early centuries)
No one sees our witness as extraordinary when we are kind to those who are kind to us. Jesus is referring to those who might not ever like us!

[Luke 6:37-42].....Hypocrites Among Us!

- NOTE:** Teachings on judging are literally scattered across all the gospels. If they ever appear not to match a particular "surrounding" text, it's because judgment teachings are sprinkled all over so the reader will not forget his or her place among their brothers and sisters.
- vs.37 Jesus is simply saying "STOP judging and condemning!" This will save you from being judged and condemned. Forgive and experience forgiveness instead. There were those who seemed to judge and condemn those whom God was "letting off the hook"
- vs.38 Be generous and experience God's generosity in return!
- vs.39-40 This is a warning to leaders who continue to teach about things they don't understand, believe, or appropriate and to their followers as well.
Luke is not saying that leaders should be disqualified because of their flaws, but they are (naturally) disqualified because of their failure to **SEE** their flaws
- vs.41-42 "*Sweep around your own front door, before you try to sweep around mine*"
Do not be so quick to point out the faults in others - first examine *your* faults!
Luke is focusing on the fact that many would rather not address their own shortcomings, so they spend all their time exposing the faults of others and spend no time correcting their own. Jesus calls them:

HYPOCRITES!

Luke 6:43-45 = Have INTEGRITY.

Our speech reveals who we are and whether the Holy Spirit is present.

[Luke 6:46-49].....Solid Foundation

vs.46-49

Jesus was well aware that he had two kinds of people there: those who thought his words were interesting and those who would be obedient to what he'd taught

To confess Jesus as Lord and not be obedient to his teachings would not be enough to protect us when life's storms come

It is the obedient followers who'll possess a solid foundation during the time of storm (trouble, persecution, lies-false testimonies, and death)