

“Built to Last”

Luke 6:39-49

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Anyone have a story to share of something built poorly? PM shared story of house that was tilting. What other examples of “poor foundations” do you have?

“There’s a lot of things that can go wrong in a person’s life.

Don’t make a poor foundation one of them.”

Five pictures and a decision:

1. Who is the “blind leading the blind” referring to in vs 39? What is the caution that Jesus is telling us about false teachers?
2. How do you discern false teaching? Consider how they trained bank employees how to spot a counterfeit.
3. We all have had teachers. (v40) Share about a teacher that had a great impact on you as a child. What made that teacher stand out?
4. The Pharisees saw themselves as great teachers to pass on the law. Jesus points out that we learn to live by following a person who knows how to live. How does your life (teaching) impact others around you?

5. Read Luke 6:41-42, then Matthew 23:23-24. Compare this to Micah 6:8. What were the Pharisees missing?
6. Sometimes criticism borders on legalism. Recall the context here with Luke 6:37. Again, we get in trouble when we talk too much. It's too easy to become judgmental or finding faults with others before we take a good look in the mirror and humble ourselves before God and deal with our "beams"! How do we keep from falling into this trap?
7. Read vs 43-45. It seems that Jesus is saying, "it is what it is!". You are who you are. So, if I want to see a different fruit, I want to be a healthy tree. How does one's heart stay tuned to the Lord and sensitive to His Spirit's leading? What are some things you do to keep your heart in a good place before the Lord?
8. Notice the end of vs 45: "for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaks". What does that mean?
9. Read James 3:2-12. What can be done to avoid any more pain and hurt from our words? How can we help each other?
10. James 1:22-27 helps us know how to build our lives for impact on a good foundation. What are some things you've seen in these passages and our study to help you build a life for impacting others?

What decision have you made to build your life on the solid foundation? To follow Christ and His Word? Or to look in the mirror and forget what you saw? The life that impacts others is a life that says YES to Jesus.

Pray for each other and for our church family this week as we demonstrate to the world the Way of Jesus!