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Luke 6:39-45

What a person says comes from what is in the heart.

Jesus used some sayings as he spoke to the people.
He said: "Can one blind person lead another blind person?
Won't they both fall into a ditch?
"Are students better than their teacher?
But when they are fully trained,
they will be like their teacher.
"You can see the speck in your friend's eye.
But you don't notice the log in your own eye.
How can you say,
'My friend, let me take the speck out of your eye,'
when you don't see the log in your own eye?
You showoffs!
First, get the log out of your own eye.
Then you can see how to take the speck out of your friend's eye.
"A good tree cannot produce bad fruit,
and a bad tree cannot produce good fruit.
You can tell what a tree is like by the fruit it produces.
You cannot pick figs or grapes from thorn bushes.
Good people do good things because of the good in their hearts.
Bad people do bad things because of the evil in their hearts.
Your words show what is in your hearts."



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Treat others as you would like to be treated

Introduction

- In this Scripture, Jesus teaches us about being wise, kind, and honest with ourselves.

Message

- First, Jesus says that a blind person cannot lead another blind person because they will both get lost. This reminds us to learn from good teachers and people who make wise choices. We should listen to those who help us grow closer to God.
- Next, Jesus talks about a speck in someone else's eye and a log in our own eye. He is teaching us not to focus on other people's mistakes while ignoring our own. Before we point out what someone else has done wrong, we should think about our own actions and ask, "What can I do better?"
- Jesus then uses the example of a tree and its fruit. A healthy tree produces good fruit, and a bad tree produces bad fruit. In the same way, the goodness in our hearts is shown by the things we say and do. When we are loving, kind, honest, and helpful, we show the "good fruit" growing in our hearts.
- Jesus wants us to remember that our words and actions matter. When we follow Him, we can grow into people who spread kindness, forgiveness, and love wherever we go.

Discussion

- What do you think Jesus meant when He said a blind person cannot lead another blind person?
- Why is it important to think about our own mistakes before pointing out someone else's?
- What are some examples of "good fruit" that children can show at school or at home?
- How can our words show what is in our hearts?
- Who are some people in your life who help guide you to make good choices?
- What is one way you can be more like Jesus this week?