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Following the Wrong Teacher

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In the Gospel According to Luke (AD 60-61), Luke, a Gentile, is writing to Theophilus so that he would know the exact truth and record regarding the things he had been taught about Jesus the Messiah. Luke provided numerous testimonies of Jesus' identity as the Savior and Messiah. Capernaum and the Galilee region became Jesus' unofficial ministry headquarters. Jesus, during His ministry, traveled to many cities forgiving sin, physically healing people of demons and disease, sharing scripture and teaching. Jesus began to challenge the religious rituals of the day and most importantly shared the Kingdom of God. On this occasion, Luke shares what Jesus said about the actions and character of people that love and serve Him. They will love and serve others. Additionally, they must be careful who they follow.

“And He also spoke a parable to them: “A blind man cannot guide a blind man, can he? Will they not both fall into a pit? “A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher. “Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? “Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother’s eye. “For there is no good tree which produces bad fruit, nor, on the other hand, a bad tree which produces good fruit. “For each tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a briar bush. “The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.” (Luke 6:39-45 NASB)

Parables and Examples. Jesus provides examples and parables, short stories where the fictitious is used to represent the real and to illustrate a point.

Christ the Leader. In the first parable, Jesus speaks about two blind people leading each other and the end result is not good. Jesus is not making fun of blind people, but rather trying to illustrate an important point. Jesus is sharing that the people need to be very careful who they follow. Jesus was very critical of the religious leaders of the day, the Pharisees and Priests and their poor leadership. In the Gospel of John it's recorded; *“Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father but through Me.” (Jn 14:6).* Jesus Christ ‘the Leader’, through the parable, is telling the people to follow Him because He is the way, He is the truth and He is the eternal life and there is no other way to God the Father except through Him.

Christ the Teacher. In the second parable, Jesus shares a short example of a disciple and his teacher. Jesus is sharing that the disciples do not lead the teacher but the teacher leads the disciples. Jesus wanted the disciple to remember who they are and who He is. They were to be more like Him.

Christ the Standard. Jesus speaks to the Pharisees and uses an example of a speck and a log in the eye. The Pharisees were very critical of people and failed to see their own shortcomings. Jesus directed them to review their own lives first, make corrections to be in God's will and then seek to assist others in their walk with God.

Be Like Jesus; the Leader, the Teacher, the Standard. Jesus uses the remaining examples to share that a disciple of His will be known by the fruit that they produce. His followers will produce a fruit that reflect His will. *“So then, you will know them by their fruits.”(Mt 7:20)*

For Your Consideration:

- Who are you following? Who is your Leader?
- Does what you learn support or reject Christ teachings? Who is your Teacher?
- Do your daily living standards reflect the world's standards or Christ's standards?

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