



SERMON NOTES

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Scripture: Luke 6:36-45 (NAS)

Topic: "A Proper Place for Judging"

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- 36 "Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.
37 "Do not judge, and you will not be judged; and do not condemn, and you will not be condemned; pardon, and you will be pardoned.
38 "Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure--pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."
39 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?
40 "A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher.
41 "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?
42 "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.
43 "For there is no good tree which produces bad fruit, nor, on the other hand, a bad tree which produces good fruit.
44 "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.
45 "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.

I. OUR PERSPECTIVE

A. How We See Ourselves

B. How We See Others

II. A CALL TO MERCY

A. Jesus Commands It

B. How Are We To Show Mercy?

1. Example: God's mercy vs. 36

2. Is God your Father? *John 14:6; 8:44*

3. God is merciful *Exodus 25:17*

a. We are to conform to His image *Isaiah 55:8,9*

b. His mercy brought us into the kingdom *Ephesians 2:4-7*

c. His mercy is supplied daily *Lamentations 3:22, 23*

III. MERCY DEFINED

A. Somewhat Defined By What We Don't Do

1. Don't judge

2. Don't condemn

B. What We Are To Do

1. Give from a pure heart

2. Judge from a pure heart

3. Return again and again to the fountain of mercy