



Friends of Jesus and Mary

Cycle C - VIII Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27: 4-8; Psalm 92; 1 Corinthians 15: 54-58; Luke 6: 39-45

Can a Blind Person Guide a Blind Person?

Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye. "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

Reflection

What happens if a blind person follows another blind person? Share. Who is the leading blind person Jesus is referring to in this story? (The Pharisees, the leaders of the Jewish religion at the time who did not have love in their hearts. He also refers to us when we do not follow Jesus.)

Jesus says that a disciple is not superior to his teacher. Who is the teacher? (Jesus) Who is the disciple? (The Pharisees and us. He wants us to humbly seek and follow Him so we may be happy.)

Jesus asks: Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own?"

What does Jesus mean? (He does not want us to judge the sins of others when we also are sinners. He doesn't want us to think we are better than other sinners. He wants us to always try to grow in holiness by trying to grow in love for God and others and thus bring others to Him with our example of love.)

Jesus also says: "For every tree is known by its own fruit ... A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good ..."

Why does He say this? (Jesus wants us to be able to discern between good and evil. He compares a person to a tree; the good fruits are their good words and actions.) **Jesus wants us to be able to know when a person is good and when a person is bad so we may not follow the bad person blindly and fall into pit of unhappiness. How can we lead others to Jesus? Share.**

Activity

On the next page, write the words that reflect a good person in the fruits on the tree and the words that reflect a bad person under the rotten fruits on the floor. Color.

Prayer

Lord, help me to see others through Your eyes of love. Send Your spirit of wisdom so I may discern between good and evil and always choose goodness. Help me to always be a witness of your love.

Song: Open the Eyes of my Heart Lord, (Ctrl Click) https://youtu.be/r_2xLdggNKs

PPT: <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1WXdiMgfKip4ohssq0zp1AiH7vBk-2Vte/edit?usp=sharing&ouid=115268475267556305384&rtpof=true&sd=true>





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