

Investigating Jesus

Judging Others

Wise and Foolish Builders

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How does God's mercy lead me to want to be like Jesus?

³⁶ *Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Luke 6:36. NIV*

God's mercy transforms me.

I am both a receiver and agent of mercy.

³⁷ *"Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."* Luke 6:37-38, NIV

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

³⁹ *He also told them this parable: "Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into a pit?" ⁴⁰ The student is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully trained will be like their teacher. Luke 6:39-40, NIV*

Jesus is the G.O.A.T. So I don't have to be.

I want to be like ~~Mike~~ Jesus.

⁴¹ *"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? ⁴² How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,' when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. Luke 6:41-42, NIV*

Don't let anyone else's sin bother you more than your own.

⁴³ “No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. ⁴⁴ Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. ⁴⁵ A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. Luke 6:43-45, NIV

Positive, lasting change comes grows out of a heart that is filled with God’s mercy.

⁴⁶ “Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? ⁴⁷ As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. ⁴⁸ They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. ⁴⁹ But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.” Luke 6:46-49, NIV

I am ready for any storms as I hear about God’s mercy and put it into practice.

MEMORY VERSE

³⁶ Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Luke 6:36, NIV

My next step:

God’s mercy changes me. Having been forgiven, I will show forgiveness and love in my life. I will hear God’s Word and put it into practice.

What’s your next step?

Mark it on your connection card.

Group Questions

Read John 3:16-18

Explain: There is a day for judgement and condemnation that is coming. But now is not the time for judgement and I am not the person to do it.

Why do I not need to fear the coming judgement?

Why is it easier to see others sins more than your own?

How do you take the plank out of your own eye?

What is the difference between judging and helping someone see a sin that is destroying themselves.

We encourage individuals who are “fully developing followers” of Jesus. How does hearing God’s Word and putting it into practice accomplish this?