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JESUS CHRIST THE SON OF MAN

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THE TITLE OF THE MESSAGE:

"THOSE WHO FOLLOW JESUS" – PART 1

*THE HUMANITY AND DIVINITY OF JESUS CHRIST,
THE SON OF GOD, AND THE SON OF MAN*

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Attitude, Love, Forgiveness, Judging, Humility

When it comes to learning a trade, there are those within a trade that have become journeymen. These are the ones who have the trade down. They have the know-how, the technique, the skills. They have mastered their trade. But to pass on those skills, those techniques, the journeyman will take on an apprentice. The apprentice is to observe, to watch, to practice everything he sees the journeyman do. When it comes the ministry, Jesus taught us that His place is that of the journeyman/master and those of us who follow Jesus are His disciples, an apprentice in the things of God.

Living in the Times of Jesus Christ,

The "Hands On" Apprentice

was to Place His Hand Atop The Hand of the Journeyman to

"Get The Feel" of the Trade.

When the Master thought the Time was Right,
He Would Place the Hands of the Apprentice on the Work!

Can You See The Picture?

By Trade, What was Jesus? A Carpenter, in Joseph's Shop

The Very Spirit of This Hands-On Ministry

John 17:22-23a

And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one: :23 I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one.

When Jesus would Heal or Raise the Dead,

He would always take a few of His disciples with Him to observe, to watch the journeyman at work, because soon their day would be coming to do the same!

The Apostle Paul's Example

Philippians 4:9

The things which you **learned** and **received** and **heard** and **saw** in me, these **do**, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is exactly That Relationship Between

The **Journeyman/Master** and His **Apprentice**, Until the Apprentice becomes a Journeyman, and **The Man is Reproduced.**

Luke 6:37-42

“**Judge** not, and you shall not be **judged**. **Condemn** not, and you shall not be **condemned**. **Forgive**, and you will be **forgiven**. :38 **Give**, and it will be **given** to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you.” :39 And He spoke a **parable** to them: “Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the ditch? :40 A **disciple** is not above his teacher, but everyone who is **perfectly trained** will be like his **teacher**. :41 And why do you look at the **speck** in your brother’s eye, but do not perceive the **plank** in your own eye? :42 Or how can you say to your brother, “Brother, let me remove the speck that *is* in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the plank that *is* in your own eye? **Hypocrite!** First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother’s eye.

THOSE WHO FOLLOW JESUS

1.) *Have now been liberated*

v.37-38

1a.) *Liberated from being Critical*

v.37a

“**Judge** not, (stop it now) and you shall not be **judged**.
Condemn not, (stop it now) and you shall not be **condemned**.”

This “**Judge** not, and you shall not be **judged**.”

Is a Quick, Harsh, Critical Judgment - a Private Judgment.
like those of the scribes and Pharisees

Condemn not, and you shall not be **condemned**.

This is a Swift, and Merciless Condemnation.
to cut someone off, to not allow or provide an appeal.

_____ *Judge Not* _____

kri÷nw krino, kree'-no;
no longer my decision. not to condemn, make no ruling, no condemnation,
damn, to think no final thoughts toward a brother.

This Kind of Human Judgment is Without Mercy.

we are incapable of executing perfect judgment
(we cannot know the heart of a man)

**One of the Most Vivid Pictures of This is Found
in the Life of King David**

2 Samuel 12:5-7

So David's anger was greatly aroused against the man, and he said to Nathan, "As the LORD lives, the man who has done this shall surely die! :6 And he shall restore fourfold for the lamb, because he did this thing and because he had no pity." :7 Then Nathan said to David, "You *are* the man!"

**How Can We & Who Are We
To Go About Playing God Over The Lives of Others?**

Romans 2:16

in the day when God will judge the secrets of men by Jesus Christ, according to the gospel.

THOSE WHO FOLLOW JESUS

1b.) *Liberated from being Bitter*

v.37b

Forgive, (now) and you will be forgiven

**This is Characteristic of
those who know Jesus Christ and are following Him.**

An Authentic Christian is a Forgiving Person

{This is a Great Part of the Redemptive Change in a Person's Life}

They Have Been Liberated *by* the Forgiveness of God,
they are glad to extend that forgiveness, they want to be liberators also.

Luke 7:47-48

Therefore I say to you, her sins, *which are many*, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, *the same loves little.*" :48 Then He said to her, "**Your sins are forgiven.**"

Have You Heard Jesus Say to You "Your sins are forgiven"?

THOSE WHO FOLLOW JESUS

1c.) *Liberated from being Selfish*

v.38

Give, and it will be **given** to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."

The Call to Worship

Verse 38a

Give, (now) and it will be **given** to you (now):

The Results in Worship

Verse 38b

in **good measure**, **pressed down**, **shaken together**,
and **running over** will be put into your bosom.

The Law of Worship

Verse 38c

For **with the same measure** that you use, it will be **measured back** to you."

The same measure

to the degree you've held others to, you will be held to the same standard.

"Don't Talk about Money"

Matthew 6:24

"No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and Money.

(God is a Master & Money is a Master)

If **God** is Your Master, You'll Use **Money** to **His** Glory
If **Money** is Your Master, You Use **God** to **Your** Glory

- which one is **more important** to you? - that **one** is your master!
- which one do you **think about** the most? - that **one** is your master!
- which one is your **conversation** about? - that **one** is your master!

Philippians 3:17-19

Brethren, join in following my example, and note those who so walk, as you have us for a pattern. :18 For many walk, of whom I have told you often, and now tell you even weeping, *that they are* the enemies of the cross of Christ: :19 whose end *is* destruction, whose god *is* their belly, and whose glory *is* in their shame—who set their mind on earthly things.

1 Timothy 6:5

there will be those who speak with "useless wranglings (nonsense) of men of corrupt minds (wrong motives) and destitute of the truth (wrong doctrine), who suppose that godliness (religion) is a *means of gain* (getting rich). From such withdraw yourself. = run away from em'

I'm Just Going To Say It

Worship God by Supporting His Work!

In The Area of Our Resources, = "What's in Our Hands"

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

But this *I say*: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. :7 *So let* each one *give* as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

If You Were to Examine My Life

what would you come away with? that is the reality of who and what I am.

Our Checkbooks, Tell Everything About What or Whom is Important
Our Time Spent, Speaks to God about What or Who we Love

This Next Verse Answers to Many of Our Financial Troubles Today in America

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

But this I say: He who sows sparingly (**whatever you do sow**) will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. :7 So let each one give (**whatever it is**) as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. (**be happy about it**)

Before You Accuse Me of Talking About Tithes and Offerings,

Consider This,

Have You Ever Come to an Easter Service and Saw Us Take an Offering?

Have You Ever Come to a Christmas Service and Had Us Take an Offering?

as people, it's easy to find out what's important to us.
we get the most excited about those things or that thing for which we live for.

Malachi 3:8-10

"Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, 'In what way have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. :9 You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, *Even* this whole nation. :10 Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this," Says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven And pour out for you *such* blessing That *there will not be room enough to receive it.*

What Does Your Giving Tell About Who God is in Your Life?

THOSE WHO FOLLOW JESUS

2.) **Can see clearly now**

v.39

And He spoke a **parable** to them:

"Can the blind lead the blind? Will they not both fall into the **ditch**?"

2a.) **They can clearly see the way**

v.39

And He spoke a **parable** to them:

a Parable is a Form of Teaching That Unlocks a Truth,
and presents it before the hearers...

Para-bles = parabolics = reveal the mind of the one who's listening.

THOSE WHO FOLLOW JESUS

2b.) They can clearly see where not to go

v.39

“Can the blind lead the blind?”

Yes they Can, But...

Have You Ever Gone On a Self-Guided Tour?

They Are Never Very Beneficial

you wind up missing things / not understanding things / and ending too soon

Self-Guided Tours Get People Lost

John 16:13-14

However, when He, the Spirit of truth, has come, He will guide you into all truth; for He will not speak on His own *authority*, but whatever He hears He will speak; and He will tell you things to come. :14
He will glorify Me, for He will take of what is Mine and declare *it* to you.

it happens every day.

Matthew 23:15

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves

O' Yes, The Blind do Lead The Blind
Away from The Truth and Into Their Religious Thing.

THOSE WHO FOLLOW JESUS

2c.) They can clearly see where they are going

v.39

Will they not both fall into the ditch?

And Yes Again

They Move Along In Full Assurance, Confident, and Bold
a **self-based** assurance, a **self-based** confidence, a **manmade** boldness

Matthew 15:14

Jesus said; "Let them alone."

They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch."

Do You Remember Dionne Warwick, She Sang That Song

"Do You Know The Way to San Jose"

She was the Creator of The Psychic Hotline Network,
She said that she could see into the future.

But It Went Bankrupt after about a year, Why Didn't Her Psychic Powers tell
her That it was Going to Go Bankrupt?

And Why Would I Listen to Someone Who Says She has Special Psychic
Insight into the Future, but Can't Even Find Her way to San Jose'?

Matthew 7:13-16

"Enter by the narrow gate; for wide *is* the gate and broad *is* the way that leads to destruction, and there are many who go in by it. :14 Because narrow *is* the gate and difficult *is* the way which leads to life, and there are few who find it. :15 "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravenous wolves. :16 You will know them by their fruits.

who / what are you following, really?

do they know the way to heaven? are they taking others with them to heaven?

What's Your Sign Pastor Jack?

what's your horoscope telling you?

If the horoscope is true,
then why doesn't it agree with scripture?

God has condemned It
and says it's satanic!

who really has the final say in your life? I mean really?

is it some popular preacher, some religious leader?
is it a denominational group or banner?

Will **"they"** not both fall = *church, not us, but them*

True or False?

Matthew 24:11

Then many false prophets will rise up and deceive many.

True or False?

Matthew 24:24

For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great miracles and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the very elect.

True or False?

1 John 4:1

Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

True or False?

Acts 20:30-31

Also from among yourselves men will rise up, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after themselves. :31 Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.

THOSE WHO FOLLOW JESUS

3.) *Are becoming more like Jesus* v.40

A **disciple** is not above his teacher,
but everyone who is **perfectly trained will be like** his teacher.

This is a Biblical Truth, A Law of Spiritual Investment.

you will become like the one who is leading you
(may you and I make sure that it is Christ who is leading us)

Buddhists become like Buddha, - watch and see
Muslims become like Muhammad, - watch and see
Hindu's become like ?????, - watch and see
Christians become like Jesus Christ, - watch and see

I have a simple question:

"What have these gods done for the people who worship them?"

THOSE WHO FOLLOW JESUS

3a.) *When we're listening to what He says* v.40a

A **disciple** is **not above** his teacher,

not above

not level with, not eye to eye, not equal to, but beneath.

There are Two Points That Jesus is Making.

#1 - serving others

John 13:13-17

Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. :14 If I then, *your* Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. :15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you. :16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him. :17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

#2 - being rejected

John 15:18-19

"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated* you. :19 If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you.

You Can Only Judge Me So Far, Until I Must Agree With You.
I Need My Master to Make Me More Like Him.

The Apprentice Has No Status of His Own

THOSE WHO FOLLOW JESUS

3b.) *When we're doing what we're told*

v.40b

but everyone who is **perfectly trained will be like his teacher.**

"perfectly trained"

it's a fisherman's term meaning;

to mend the net, to be repaired, to become useful again.

to take on the character, to act the same, to be molded into the same shape.

Growing Up, It's The Way it Is
we mimic those who we respect and honor

Playing **Football**, Offense,
I Had to Be Roger Staubach #12

Baseball, I Had to be #44 Reggie Jackson

but my all-time favorite was pretending to be
Mario Andretti

Philippians 4:9

The things which you learned and received and heard and saw in me, these do, and the God of peace will be with you.

John 13:12-17

So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? :13 You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. :14 If I then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. :15 For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. :16 Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. :17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them.

THOSE WHO FOLLOW JESUS

3c.) When we're living out what we know v.40c

will be like his teacher.

be (become) like (by exercise)

to live in the same direction, to be going the same way, united

4.) Are Discovering who they really are v.41-42

:41 And why do you look at the **speck** in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the **plank** in your own eye? :42 Or **how can you say** to your brother, "Brother, let me remove the speck that *is* in your eye," when you yourself do not see the plank that *is* in your own eye? **Hypocrite!** First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother's eye.

4a.) When we take a proper look at ourselves v.41

And **why** do you look at the **speck** in your brother's eye,
but do not perceive the **plank** in your own eye

self-righteousness is a very mean thing.
it will overlook great personal failures and sins
and be so quick to point out a little thing in the life of its victim.

Sin Sniffing, Fault Finding

no one will find help from this kind of self-proclaimed perfectionism

why are you looking at someone else at all?
it's not for us to be looking, That's the Holy Spirit's ministry
who in the world walks around with a plank in their eye?
the Christian who has forgotten that

This is Comically Sad

but you do not **perceive** (discovered) the **plank** (beam) in your own eye

Romans 2:1

Therefore you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things.

What's Jesus Teaching Here?

A Life That is to be Personally - Holy Before The Lord

2 Peter 3:11

Therefore, since all these things will be dissolved, what manner *of persons* ought you to be - in holy conduct and godliness,

There Will Be No Finger Pointing Before God

THOSE WHO FOLLOW JESUS

4b.) When we are humble in our own eyes v.42a

:42 Or **how can you say** to your brother, "Brother, let me remove the speck that *is* in your eye,' when you yourself do not see (blind to) the plank that *is* in your own eye?"

Romans 14:4

Who are you to judge another's servant? To his own master he stands or falls. Indeed, he will be made to stand, for God is able to make him stand.

Again - This is Comically Sad

THOSE WHO FOLLOW JESUS

4c.) When we're right before God

v.42b

Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother's eye.

Without Using the Word, The Parabolic Truth is Given Here

Decide Now To Change the Way You Think - "Repent" and start today to head in a new direction toward God until you arrive in His presence in heaven.

Psalm 139:23-24

Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me, and know my anxieties; :**24** And see if *there is any* wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

————— *End of Study* —————