

On Deciding Who to Follow *Luke 6:39-42*

Whether we look back in history or to the future election, we realize that we must _____ someone
One of the benefits of expositional preaching is that it must address the topics decided by the _____

WHY IS IT SO IMPORTANT TO FOLLOW THE RIGHT LEADER—THE RIGHT TEACHER?

- I. BECAUSE FOLLOWING THE WRONG LEADER CAN HAVE DEVASTATING _____
- A. “The blind leading the blind” = spiritual leaders such as _____
Today Jesus’ words apply to _____
- B. “The Ditch” is better translated _____ -- a hole so deep that you cannot get out of it
Jesus may mean _____: follow the wrong spiritual leader and you may end up in Hell!
- II. BECAUSE WE END UP BECOMING _____ THOSE WE FOLLOW
- A. Today we think of education as learning _____ not becoming a like a teacher/professor
But even students today want to BE a nurse or a doctor or an artist: learning = _____
- B. The rest of the NT also emphasizes that spiritual leaders must have the right kind of character:
- 1) Paul tells the Corinthians & Thessalonians to be _____ of him—to become like him
 - 2) The qualifications for spiritual leadership in 1 Timothy 3 & Titus focus on _____
 - 3) 2 Peter 2 & Jude describe false teachers in terms of their teaching but also their _____
 - 4) Spiritual leaders must have orthodoxy (right doctrine) and orthopraxy: _____
- III. BECAUSE FALSE TEACHERS ARE OFTEN BLIND TO THEIR OWN _____
- A. Jesus makes His point with a cartoon character: a teacher with a _____ in his eye
- 1) This kind of leader is _____
 - 2) This kind of leader is _____
 - 3) This kind of leader is _____
 - 4) This kind of leader is _____
- B. Jesus’ point: We must not be _____ to the fact that such leaders are in places of spiritual authority

HOW DO WE KNOW WHICH LEADER/TEACHER TO FOLLOW?

- A. The Wrong Questions to Ask:
- 1) Has this leader built a big, successful _____ ?
 - 2) Do I like this leader on a _____ level?
 - 3) Does the church make me feel good? Is the preacher _____ ?
- B. The Right Questions to Ask:
- 1) Does the leader/teacher stick close to the _____ ?
 - 2) Does the leader/teacher have the _____ demanded of leaders in the NT?