

GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS | 01.25.2026

The Master's Mighty Message | Luke 6:43-49

Jesus Imparts a Desperate Dependency: Because We Have Bad Hearts

Read Luke 6:39-49

1. Jesus says that a tree is known by its fruit (Luke 6:43-44). How does this image help us understand the relationship between heart and behavior? In what ways does this challenge the idea that outward actions can be separated from inward spiritual condition?
2. Luke 6:45 speaks of the "treasure" of the heart producing either good or evil. What kinds of "treasures" tend to shape a person's heart today? How can we tell what we are truly treasuring by what regularly comes out of us? (*Proverbs 4:23; Colossians 3:1-3*).
3. Jesus highlights speech as a clear indicator of the heart's condition. Why do you think Jesus places such weight on our words? What patterns of speech most often reveal areas of spiritual health—or danger—in our lives? (*Matthew 12:34-37; Proverbs 18:21; James 3:2-12*).
4. In verse 46, Jesus confronts those who call Him "Lord, Lord" but do not obey Him. Why is it possible to affirm correct theology about Jesus while still not submitting to Him? What are some subtle ways Christians today can honor Jesus with their lips while resisting Him with their lives? (*Isaiah 29:13; Titus 1:16*).
5. The sermon emphasized that being close to the truth is not the same as being saved. What religious advantages did Jesus' original audience have that still did not guarantee salvation? How does this passage challenge modern assumptions about sincerity, upbringing, or religious activity? (*Romans 10:9-10; Matthew 7:21-23*).

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6. Both builders in Jesus' illustration hear His words, but only one acts on them (vv. 47-49). Why is hearing alone spiritually dangerous? What does obedience reveal that mere exposure to Scripture cannot? (*James 1:22-25; John 10:27*).
7. Jesus describes the wise builder as someone who "dug deep" and laid a foundation on the rock. What does "digging deep" look like in everyday Christian life? What habits help believers move from shallow engagement with Christ to deep dependence on Him? (*Colossians 2:6-7; Psalm 1:1-3*).
8. Both houses experience the storm—but only one stands. What kinds of "storms" does Scripture say will test the reality of our faith? How have trials in your own life revealed what your faith was truly resting on? (*1 Corinthians 3:12-15; 1 Peter 1:6-7*).
9. The sermon framed obedience not as self-effort, but as the fruit of desperate dependency on Christ. How does this passage guard us from both legalism and easy-believism? What does daily dependence on Christ look like practically for you right now? (*John 15:4-5; Gal. 2:20*).
10. Jesus ends His sermon with a question of ultimate foundations. If someone examined your life over time—your priorities, responses, words, and habits—what would they conclude you are building your life upon? What is one concrete step this week that would more firmly anchor your life on Christ the Rock? (*Ps. 127:1; Isa. 28:16*).