

LUKE 6:37-49 *The Beatitudes, Part 2*

INTRODUCTION

We often want to believe we are good people regardless of our actions. We justify behavior and try to manage our reputation. Unfortunately we cannot escape our condition except through the cross of Christ and transformation through Him.

DISCUSSION

What does it mean for us to produce fruit?

EXPLANATION

- Consider the context; why did Jesus hammer so hard on judging others in this passage? (skim 5:12-6:11)
- Why can't Luke 6:37 be used by a believer to deflect a rebuke from another Christian?
- How does Jesus strike a balance between a critical spirit and spurring one another to good works?
- What can we learn about our hearts from the parable of the tree and its fruit?

APPLICATION

- What is the goal of a person who is always critical of others?
- How have we been critical of one another?
- What kind of fruit has your life produced? What excuses have you used to justify sin and rebellion?
- Where have you built your life on the sand?
- What does building your house on the rock look like in your life?