



The Speck and the Plank

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Luke 6:39-42

KEY PRINCIPLE: Biblical Stewardship is organizing your life in such a way that God can spend it.

ADDITIONAL KEY PRINCIPLE: Sometimes we hinder or even prevent God's work in our lives because of spiritual "blindness".

Do I really want to make the changes that are necessary...

- to become the person God has created me to be?
- to do the things God has called me to do?

To experience God's power for growth & change in our lives, we have to...

1) Resist the tendency to minimize our personal faults & maximize the faults of others.

- David in 2 Samuel 12:1-10

2) Be willing to listen when God & others speak truth into our lives.

- Psalm 139:23-24; Proverbs 27:17; Proverbs 27:6
- *Is there anything you see in my life that might be hindering me from growing to be all I can be in Christ?*

3) We must also learn, in humility & gentleness, to speak truth into the lives of others when necessary.

- Peter & Paul in Galatians 2:11-14
- Galatians 6:1-2



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Bridge LifeGroups are **currently on summer break**. We will continue to offer study questions each week in this **simplified format**, which can be useful for personal devotions and/or discussion starters for LifeGroups that choose to meet for a portion of the summer break.

Lesson Aim: To grow in our understanding of how we need to allow God & others to speak truth into our lives so that we can grow spiritually and to be more like Christ.

Prayer: Ask the Holy Spirit to lead your personal study time and/or discussion.

1. **READ Luke 6:39-40.** Do you think Jesus has anybody particular in mind when he references the “blind leader”? Who? What made them “blind”??
2. **READ Luke 6:41-42.** What do you think Jesus thinks is the “log” in the person’s eye? Is it something specific, or more general?
3. How in one sentence would you summarize Jesus’ point in the account about the speck and the log?

4. Have you ever discovered a “log” in your own eye? How did you discover it?

5. How do you know when it is not only appropriate, but prudent to assist a fellow believer deal with the speck, or maybe log, that is in their eye?

6. Are there any specks or logs in your eye right now that you are aware of? Is there anyone in your life that in the love of Jesus you would trust to help you identify them?

Close in prayer as the Lord leads you.

This **LifeGroup** Study Guide is designed to help you apply Sunday’s message. You can do this homework on your own; however we encourage you to check out our warm and friendly message-based **LifeGroups!** Get a copy of this Study Guide at theBridgeFresno.com by clicking on the “Messages” link.