

## Lessons for a Father

Luke 6:39-45

<sup>39</sup> And He also spoke a parable to them: “A blind man cannot guide a blind man, can he? Will they not both fall into a pit? <sup>40</sup> A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher. <sup>41</sup> Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>42</sup> Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Brother, let me take out the speck that is in your eye,’ when you yourself do not see the log that is in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother’s eye. <sup>43</sup> For there is no good tree which produces bad fruit, nor, on the other hand, a bad tree which produces good fruit. <sup>44</sup> For each tree is known by its own fruit. For men do not gather figs from thorns, nor do they pick grapes from a briar bush. <sup>45</sup> The good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth what is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth what is evil; for his mouth speaks from that which fills his heart.

Fathers have a great role to play in the life of their family, church, and community. We need to seize the opportunity to make a positive impact. To help us have a greater influence, here are three lessons to remember.

1. We need to know what we are talking about. (v. 39-40)  
Matthew 15:14, John 14:6, 15:20, 1 John 2:5, Acts 4:12
2. We need to take care of our own issues so we can help others. (v. 41-42)  
Psalm 51:7, Luke 6:37, James 4:8, 5:19-20, Galatians 6:1
3. We need to realize that our life will reveal our heart. (v. 43-45)  
Job 33:3, Luke 6:40, Matthew 5:16, 7:17-20, 15:18, Ephesians 4:29