



Breaking Open the Word

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Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Lectionary: 84

Gospel Lk 6:39-45

Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye. "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thorn bushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

Spiritual Reflection: German Protestant Minister and martyr Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote: "Salvation is free, but discipleship will cost you your life." Like a pro-Athlete who is traded must learn the traditions and etiquette of his or her new team's locker room, we must realize that we have to change our habits from being on the world's team to the habits and tradition of God's team. If we don't, we will continue to be helping our old team win despite having God's Team's name on our spiritual jersey.

Spiritual Questions:

1. What are you doing to learn more about God's ways?
2. What things are you giving up in your life in order to be a better member of God's team?
3. Why is it easier to judge others than to judge ourselves?
4. How does our judging others help the devil?
5. What do you do when you have a desire to point out others faults?