

“Blind” Leading the “Blind”

Luke 6:39-40

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Introduction

- My experience following a GPS through New York City
- Many “voices” seeking to give us direction for living
- Jesus was one of many “voices” with a roadmap for people’s lives
 - Secularist of Jesus’ day—epicureans and stoics
 - Jewish religious leaders
- Jesus’ “voice” is different from the rest—unlike what the teachers in Israel were saying

The “Blind” Leading the “Blind”

A. Be Careful WHO You Follow: Never follow a “blind” guide.

1. Identifications of the “blind guides”
 - a. The secularists who relied on human wisdom—Prov. 14:12
 - b. The religious leaders who claimed to be God’s servants, committed to Him.—Isaiah 42:19-20
2. Characteristics of “Blind guides”
 - a. *“Honor God with their lips, but their heart is far from Him.”*
 - b. Reinterpret the clear teaching of God’s Word, adding man’s ideas to what the Scriptures teach.
 - c. Nullify the teaching of God’s Word by their traditions.
 - d. Emphasize one aspect of God’s truth to the neglect of the whole. Matt 23:23-24
3. Caution concerning “Blind Guides”—Luke 6:39-40
 - a. They could lead to your spiritual devastation. You will end up wherever they lead.
 - b. Whoever you follow, you will become like them.

B. Be Careful HOW You Follow: Never follow “blindly”

1. Know something about the teacher you are following—2 Timothy 4:3-4; 3:10,14
2. Measure everything you hear against the standard of God’s Word. Acts 17:11