

32. A Pupil and Jesus

Jesus said, "A pupil is not above his teacher; but everyone, after he has been fully trained, will be like his teacher." That's Luke 6:40.

And here's some meat from the Word. If Jesus is your teacher, you will become like Him. Don't let the world, the flesh, and the Devil be your teachers or you will become like them. And be careful about your spiritual leaders ... you will become like them.

However, the primary application of Luke 6:40 is in its context. You see ... evil people mistreat His disciples. Be like Jesus. Don't be rude, crude, or obnoxious. Jesus wasn't like that. Be like Jesus. He was gracious and loving while proclaiming truth. So my question is, "Are you being mistreated because you are really like Jesus?"

Luke 6:22&26 gives a blessing and a warning,

"Blessed are you when men hate you, and ostracize

you, and insult you, and scorn your name as evil, for

the sake of the Son of Man ... Woe to you when all

men speak well of you, for their fathers used to treat

the false prophets in the same way."

Are you His disciple? If you are His disciple, evil people will mistreat you as they mistreated Jesus. Evil people detest His disciples ... exclude them ... revile them ... and speak evil of them. Does that describe your life? Are you being mistreated for the sake of the Son of Man? Don't let persecution discourage you. You are becoming like Jesus. You are blessed! Or is no one mistreating you for His name's sake? Do all men speak well of you as they did of the false prophets? Then you need to spend more time with your teacher ... more time with Jesus.

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