If A Beam Could Talk

Text: (Luke 6:37-42)

Introduction

a) Jesus often used object lessons in his teachings to illustrate a point. This text as well as Matthew's account are typically referred to as the beatitudes. They are nothing more than moral principles for practical living.

b) The mote in the story is basically a small piece of straw or dry stubble in the eye.

c) The beam is a large stick or timber in the eye.

d) The thought is; if the beam could talk, what would it say?

I. I Rob You

a) Rob you of your victory

I steal your joy. (Nehemiah 8:10)

I quench the Holy Ghost in you. (1st Thessalonians 5:19)

I destroy your fellowship with Christ. (Psalm 16:11)

b) Rob you of your vision

Samson lost his vision with the beam of lust in his eyes. The elder brother lost his vision with the beam of envy in his eyes. The apostle Paul lost his vision with John Mark with the beam of impatience in his eyes. Without a vision, the people perish and so will you. In John 9, the blind man received his vision when Jesus removed the beam of doubt from his eyes.

c) I rob you of your virtue

The beam lover loses their integrity, their purity, and their forgiving spirit. Peter had the beam of pride and criticized the other disciples. He ended up denying Christ three times, losing his virtue temporarily. The beam must be removed for victory, vision and virtue to excel in the believers life.
II. I Return to You

a) I return to your prayer life

(Matthew 5: 23-24) Restore thyself with the offended brother before praying. The beam will block your prayers.

b) I return to your public life

(1st Corinthians 4:5) The Apostle Paul had to rebuke Peter in the public of the Galatians because he had the beam of division in his eyes. What one harbors in secret will eventually surface to the public.

c) I return to your promotion life

The beam stops progress. The beam halts promotions. One cannot prosper with the beam in the eye. In Esther 7-8 Haman thought he was going to be promoted in the kingdom, but much to his dismay, he was hanged on the same gallows he had prepared for Mordecai. The sentence was reversed. When one sows criticism, fault finding and constant complaining toward others, they reap a harvest of misery. We reap what we sow. (Galatians 6:7)

III. I Ruin You

a) I ruin your personal liberty

(Galatians 5:1) You will always be bound by the beam of bondage, chained to the beam of rules and regulations. In John chapter 8, verses 32 and 36, Jesus makes his people free! However the beam in the eye will keep them bound.

b) I darken your personal light

(Ephesians 5:8) The beam in your eye darkens your light to the lost. The beam is Satan is a mind blinder to the unsaved. See II Corinthians 4:3-6. The believer, full of light and devoid of eye beams, becomes a gospel translator in every walk