

# COME AND TAKE IT: A Winning Walk

LUKE 6:37-42

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***Nothing Nurtures Like a Winning-Walk.  
Nothing Nauseates Like a Hypocritical Walk.***

1. Show the Strength of **Graciousness** (37-38).

2. See the Significance of **Growth** (39-40).

3. Spot the Seriousness of **Genuineness** (41-42).

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*“Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven; <sup>38</sup>give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”*

<sup>39</sup>He also told them a parable: “Can a blind man lead a blind man? Will they not both fall into a pit? <sup>40</sup>A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone when he is fully trained will be like his teacher.

<sup>41</sup>Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>42</sup>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.  
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### APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. Jesus calls us to “judge not.” Rather, we love others generously. Do you think non-Christians see Christians as “judgmental?” Is that a fair assessment? Are there legitimate character problems that would help the reception of our message? Why do we tend to judge others in the same areas we’ve failed? (See David’s example in 2 Samuel 12:5-7).
2. This passage shows that we should take our growth and development seriously. The teachers we routinely put ourselves under can endanger us or make us “dangerous” (in the best sense of that word). How do we hold our earthly teachers in the proper perspective and not be demoralized when we see their weaknesses, failures, and limitations?
3. **Read Romans 2:1-5.** Why do we often find it so easy to practice a double standard? Do you consider yourself “self-aware?” How do you routinely examine yourself for “logs” in your eyes so that you can be used to a greater degree in ministry?

#### *Quote for the Week. . .*

by Tedd Tripp



*“Remember, (your child’s) behavior does not just spring forth uncaused. His behavior – the things he says and does – reflects his heart. If you are to really help him, you must be concerned with the attitudes of heart that drive his behavior. A change in behavior that does not stem from a change in heart is not commendable; it is condemnable. Is it not the hypocrisy that Jesus condemned in the Pharisees? In Matthew 15, Jesus denounces the Pharisees who honored Him with their lips while their hearts were far from Him. Jesus censures them as people who wash the outside of the cup while the inside is still unclean. Yet this is what we often do in child-rearing. We demand changed behavior and never address the heart that drives the behavior.”*

Tedd, Tripp. *Shepherding a Child’s Heart*, Shepherd Press, 1995, p. 20-21.