



We are celebrating the eighth Sunday in ordinary time, and this is the third time we have heard the speech of the plain in Luke's gospel. This speech will be interrupted for several weeks because we will celebrate Lent and Easter.

The first part talks about God's initial project: the beatitudes. The second part, last week, the Lord invited us to love others with the same love that God has. Love your enemy, do good to those who do evil to you. Humanly this is impossible, but with the grace of God everything is possible.

In this third part of the discourse the Lord invites us to recognize the role he has: he is the Teacher. Just following him we can bear good fruits.

In the first part, Jesus is telling us that we are blind. Because our sins we are blind before the Gods plan, and we must address our own faults before correcting others. We need the light. Jesus used the familiar situation of "the blind leading the blind," to explain that the best scenario is that someone who can see is best equipped to lead one who cannot see. Analogously, teachers and leaders need to be prepared, know what they are talking about, in order to be effective guides. We can only ask ourselves: am I properly formed in the faith and the Church?

The Gospel challenges us to have a clear vision and to bear good fruit, for the deepening our adherence to Christ and to be sound "teachers," even if in small and hidden ways. Jesus indicated that good people produce goodness, which flows from the heart. We speak from what is in our deepest self.

This is why the Lord reminds all of His disciples and followers, all of us gathered here today that we should always be vigilant against all sorts of the temptations to sin, and continue to grow in our faith and virtues in the Lord, resisting all the temptations of sin and evil, and disconnecting ourselves from all the worldly pursuits of glory and all the other things that may lead us astray away from the Lord. We must always try our best to keep our lives holy and worthy by doing what is right according to the Law of God, and to do His will in each and every moments of our lives, being good inspiration and examples to our brothers and sisters around us, leading by examples as good and faithful servants and disciples of the Lord. We should always be humble in all things and at every circumstances, knowing that we are truly sinners, and it is by God's grace that we have been made whole again through His mercy and forgiveness.

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