

# *“See Clearly”*

**Luke 6:41-42**

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## Introduction

- Near accident due to “blind spot”
- The need for another set of “eyes” to see our blind spots
  - Jesus’ prohibition to “Judge not” does not forbid making moral judgments about other’s behavior and reproving them.
  - Galatians 6:1 and Matthew 18:15-17
- We need others to periodically evaluate us so that we might grow.
- We need to see clearly before attempting surgery on others

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### A. Calls for **INTROSPECTION**—that is, we must first be aware of our own faults.

1. Jesus’ Question—Luke 6:41 How is it possible to miss the beam sticking in our eyes?
2. Possible Answers
  - a. We deceive ourselves into thinking that we are better than we really are.
    - 1) Wrong attitude: Practically Perfect. No need for improvement – 1 John 1:8
    - 2) Right attitude: Haven’t arrived! Still pressing on. Phil 3
  - b. We fail to see our own faults because we are busy comparing ourselves with others.
  - c. We mistake the hearing of God’s Word for doing it! James 1
    - 1) We quench the Spirit of God.
    - 2) We sear our consciences.
    - 3) We settle for partial obedience rather than total obedience, for superficial change rather than radical change.
  - d. We concentrate on cosmetic changes—and thus become “hypocrites”

### B. Calls for **REMEDICATION**—that is, once aware of our faults, we must do something about them.

1. The Need for **HUMILITY**.
2. The Need for **OPENNESS TO GOD**
  - a. In Prayer—Psalm 139:23-24
  - b. To His Word—Hebrews 4:12
3. The Need to **ENLIST THE HELP OF OTHERS**
  - a. The help of the Spirit—Phil. 2:12-13
  - b. The help of Brothers and Sisters in Christ—James 5:16

**Jesus is not asking us to be perfect, but to be AUTHENTIC!**