The Blind Leading the Blind

Intro. I. The Pharisees were the principle enemies of Jesus, the Christ.
   1. They considered themselves to be the protectors of the nation.
   2. They encouraged an external righteousness.
   3. Jesus considered them to be spiritually blind.
   4. Matt. 15:10-14

B. Jesus condemned this belief and taught His disciples the true way.
   Vs. 20-23 1. Things seem to be backward now. He pronounced a blessing upon those who were considered to be religious and social outcasts.
   Vs. 24-26 2. Those who were in authority were cautioned.

Vs. 36 C. The disciples should be merciful.
   Vs. 37 1. Judge not, condemn not
       2. Forgive, and ye shall be forgiven.
   Vs. 38 3. Give and it shall be given...

I. The Parable That Jesus Spoke.

A. The questions that He asked.
   Vs. 39 1. "Can the blind lead the blind?"
       2. ...Shall they not both fall into the ditch?"
       3. The Pharisees are blind, thus...

B. The student and the teacher.
   Vs. 40 1. "Pupils are no better than their teachers"
       2. The pupils of the Pharisees will be no better than theirs.
       3. A well taught pupil will reach the level of his teacher.
C. A man speaks or does what is in his heart. 
Vs. 45. 1. "for of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh". 
2. "what fills a man's heart will rise to his lips". 
3. "for the tree is known by his fruit". 
D. can the heart be corrected? 
1. Matt. 12:33 "Either make the tree good, and the fruit good;" 
2. "or else make the tree corrupt, and his fruit corrupt;" 
3. "for the tree is known by his fruit". 
E. What kind of tree are you? 
1. good 
2. evil