Intro. A. There are two things we may use to judge others or have them judge us.
1. What we say, the words of our mouth.
2. The things we do, our behaviour.

B. Words and acts were primary teaching tools during the time of Jesus.
1. Only a small portion of the population could read and write.
2. Access to libraries were limited.
3. Because a person was so unlikely to have an opportunity for self-education, Jesus noted the grave responsibilities of the teacher. Vs. 40...
   "...but when every one is taught fully by his teacher, he will know no more than his teacher."

C. This is the problem of those who are blind aspiring to be teachers.
Matt. 23:6-7 1. "... and love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, and greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi." (teacher, teacher)
   2. The Pharisees were blind teachers of those who were blind. This resulted in them each having little knowledge.
3. In the early days of Christianity, James saw this as a problem. James 3:1 "My brethren, be not many masters, (teachers) knowing that we shall receive the greater condemnation." (Judgement)

D. These disciples must do more than follow and hear.
Vs. 46 1. They were His disciples.
2. They were hearing Him teach.
3. They weren't doing what He taught.
II. If A Person Will Do These Three Things He Will Have Dug A Solid Foundation For A Life Of Service That Will Reflect His Sonship Relationship To God.

A. "I will show you to whom he is like:"
   1. I will show you to whom he may be compared.

B. The house built upon a rock.
   1. The builder dipped deep.
   2. He laid the foundation on a rock.
   3. The house was tested and stood firm.

C. The house without foundation.
   1. The builder used the soil as a foundation.
   2. He did not dig deep.
   3. The house was tested and immediately fell down.

III. How Can We Have A Firm Foundation For Now And Forever?

A. Come to Jesus.
   1.
   2.

B. Hear His teachings.
   1.
   2.

C. Do the things He teaches.
   1.
   2.