

*"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,' when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye. Luke 6:41-42 (NIV)*

## Corrections

I know without a doubt that I have blind spots. I am certain that I have flaws that are difficult, maybe even nearly impossible, for me to see. I also know that I have been stubborn and resistant to making corrections in my life. Why is it so easy to see the flaws in others and so difficult to see the flaws in me? Why do I think I should help fix other people when I pay so little attention to fixing me? Why do I think that I know it all? Why do I feel like I am it all? These thoughts are hard to admit. These thoughts are not pretty ones to think. It is more than a little embarrassing to say them out loud. But here you have it. These thoughts are my confession to you. I have been proud. **You are making a good confession. It is good to acknowledge that you do not know it all. It is good to admit that you don't have it all together. You are a work in progress. Even more importantly, you are my work in progress. How do you feel knowing that I will mold and shape you into the person I want you to become?** I would say that, the pressure is off. **Why is that?** I can simply admit my sins and failings and weaknesses to you. I can rely on you to mold and shape me. I can trust that you will show me the corrections that need to be made in my life. If I will humbly allow you to do your work in my life, how can I go wrong? **You can't. You won't.** Will you forget to do your work in me? **No, I will not.** Will you fail to make the corrections that need to be made in my life? **No, I will not.**

So, here I am Lord. I am like a lump of clay. You are my potter. Mold and shape me. Make me into the person you want me to become. Do your work in and through me. Make whatever corrections are necessary in my life. I welcome your hand on me.

**That is very good.**

*Lord, I will not be stubborn and resistant to the changes you want to make in my life. I will be ready and willing and able to make any correction you want to make in my life. Help me to think and speak and act in ways that are good and right and pleasing to you. Amen*

**Becoming Like Christ** *Fail To See*

"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me take the speck out of your eye,' when you yourself fail to see the plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

NIV Luke 6:41-42

**Becoming Like Christ** *Do Not See*

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? 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.

ESV Luke 6:41-42

**Becoming Like Christ** *Can't See*

"And why worry about a speck in your friend's eye when you have a log in your own? How can you think of saying, 'Friend, let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the log in your own eye? Hypocrite! First get rid of the log in your own eye; then you will see well enough to deal with the speck in your friend's eye.

NLT Luke 6:41-42

**Becoming Like Christ** *Do Not See*

And why do you look at the speck in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the plank in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove the speck that *is* in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the plank that *is* in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother's eye.

NKJV Luke 6:41-42

**Becoming Like Christ** *Do Not See*

Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye? Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye.

NRSV Luke 6:41-42

**Becoming Like Christ** *Holier Than Thou*

"It's easy to see a smudge on your neighbor's face and be oblivious to the ugly sneer on your own. Do you have the nerve to say, 'Let me wash your face for you,' when your own face is distorted by contempt? It's this I-know-better-than-you mentality again, playing a holier-than-thou part instead of just living your own part. Wipe that ugly sneer off your own face and you might be fit to offer a washcloth to your neighbor.

MSG Luke 6:41-42

**Becoming Like Christ** *Do Not See*

Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye but do not notice or consider the beam [of timber] that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, Brother, allow me to take out the speck that is in your eye, when you yourself do not see the beam that is in your own eye? You actor (pretender, hypocrite)! First take the beam out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take out the speck that is in your brother's eye.

AMP Luke 6:41-42

**Becoming Like Christ** *Can't See*

"And why quibble about the speck in someone else's eye—his little fault—when a board is in your own? How can you think of saying to him, 'Brother, let me help you get rid of that speck in your eye,' when you can't see past the board in yours? Hypocrite! First get rid of the board, and then perhaps you can see well enough to deal with his speck!

TLB Luke 6:41-42

**Becoming Like Christ** *Do Not See*

"Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? "Or 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.

NASB Luke 6:41-42

**Becoming Like Christ** *You Cannot See*

"Why do you notice the little piece of dust in your friend's eye, but you don't notice the big piece of wood in your own eye? How can you say to your friend, 'Friend, let me take that little piece of dust out of your eye' when you cannot see that big piece of wood in your own eye! You hypocrite! First, take the wood out of your own eye. Then you will see clearly to take the dust out of your friend's eye.

NCV Luke 6:41-42

# Fail To See

Year \_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_

**Becoming Like Christ** – Luke 6:41-42

**In Context:** *Read Luke 6*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

**Meditating On God’s Word:** ***(What is God speaking to your heart?)***

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**Considering The Words:** ***(What words speak to your heart?)***

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**Praying The Scripture:** ***(What prayer from your heart will you write?)***

Lord, I will not be stubborn and resistant to the changes you want to make in my life. I will be ready and willing and able to make any correction you want to make in my life. Help me to think and speak and act in ways that are good and right and pleasing to you. Amen

**What It Means:** ***(What questions speak to your heart?)*** *(Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)*

Why is it so easy to spot corrections that others need to make in their own lives?

**Why is it so difficult to see corrections that you need to make in your own life?**

How ready and willing and able are you to see and make corrections in your life?

When have you come to see your stubbornness and resistance to making corrections in your life?

Why is it foolish to want to correct someone else’s life when you are unwilling to correct your own?

**How has the Lord helped you to see and make corrections in your life?**

**What corrections do you think the Lord wants to make in your life right now?**

**Living It Out:** ***(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)***

Be ready and willing and able to see and make the corrections the Lord wants you to make in your life.

**Seeing It Happen:** ***(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)***

Have faith that the Lord will help you to see and make corrections in your life that are good, right and pleasing to Him.

**Get Ready To Share:** ***(What can you share with others from your heart?)***

Share with another person or your small group how the Lord has helped you to see and make corrections in your life.

**Close With Prayer:**

***Quiet Yourself Before The Lord***

*Pause And Offer Prayers Of...*

*With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You*

Adoration... \_\_\_\_\_

Thanksgiving... \_\_\_\_\_

Confession... \_\_\_\_\_

Intercession... \_\_\_\_\_

Petition... \_\_\_\_\_

**Journal**

*As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord*

**What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

*(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)*

*May you see the corrections that need to be made in your life.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

*(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)*

*Lord, help me to see corrections that need to be made in my life.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, what corrections do you want me to make in my life?*

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