

Luke 6:40

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

The disciple is not above his master: but every one that is perfect shall be as his master.

Analysis

Disciple is not above his master but everyone perfect shall be as his master. Disciple mathētēs learner. Not above hyper beyond. Master didaskalon teacher. Everyone pas each. Perfect katērtismenos fully trained. Shall be estai will become. As hōs like. Master. Students do not surpass teachers. Fully trained disciple becomes like teacher. Application do not presume to judge (vv. 37-42) when you are learning. Also disciples will reflect teacher character. Choose teachers wisely. Reformed theology emphasizes importance of sound teaching discipleship. Congregations often reflect pastors strengths weaknesses.

Historical Context

Rabbinic model disciple sat at feet of rabbi learned teaching and life. Christian discipleship similar learn from mature believers. Paul said imitate me as I imitate Christ (1 Cor 11:1). Discipleship is imitation. Choose mentors wisely their character becomes yours. Jesus warned false teachers deceive lead astray. Early church emphasized apostolic teaching guarded against heresy. Medieval church sometimes elevated unworthy leaders. Reformation emphasized teaching office qualified pastors. Modern church mentor relationships recovering. Need intentional discipleship older teaching younger.

Related Passages

Ephesians 2:8 — Salvation by grace through faith

Study Questions

1. What does disciple becoming like master teach about importance of choosing mentors wisely?
2. How should churches intentionally structure discipleship relationships for spiritual maturity?

Interlinear Text

οὐκ ἔστιν μαθητὴς ὑπὲρ τὸν διδάσκαλος αὐτοῦ.
not **is** **The disciple** **above** G3588 **master** **his**
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κατηρτισμένος δὲ πᾶς ἔσται ὡς ὁ διδάσκαλος
that is perfect **but** **every one** **shall be** **as** G3588 **master**
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Additional Cross-References

John 13:16 (Parallel theme): Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

John 15:20 (Parallel theme): Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they have kept my saying, they will keep your's also.

Matthew 23:15 (Parallel theme): Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.

