

Mr. Kelly makes this comment on verse 39 of our portion: "The blind, therefore, cannot lead the blind. Neither is it Christianity that the seeing should lead the blind. The true principle of our calling is, that the seeing should lead the seeing — the very reverse of the blind leading the blind." Many other verses reinforce this principles of the seeing leading the seeing.

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, **teaching and admonishing one another** in all wisdom (Colossians 3:16).*

I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all

*knowledge and able to **instruct one another** (Romans 15:14).*

*... until we **all** attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God (Ephesians 4:13).*

Scripture recognizes both elders and those with a gift. It is clear, however, that teaching, exhortation, and encouragement are not to flow one way, downward, but to be mutually shared among all. None should be blind; all should be seeing, *“having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you”* (Ephesians 1:18).

Questions:

1. How are the three examples of verses 39-42 related?
2. Can you think of any personal examples of a “speck” you have found in someone else’s eye?
3. What is meant by “treasure” in verse 45? How do we fill our hearts with good treasure?

4. How does worship relate to obedience?

5. What exactly is the “rock” of verse 48?

6. What are examples of “floods” that can ruin a house with an unstable foundation?