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The Servant King



The story of the **King**... who came to **serve**.

The New York Times

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Baring Shoulders and Knees, Students Protest a Dress Code



Angel Franco/The New York Times

Students discontented with a dress code at Stuyvesant High School demonstrated on Wednesday by wearing short-shorts, tank tops and spaghetti-strap blouses.

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The first hint of the looming rebellion came from the lips of Hao Yang, 17, as he practiced ballroom dancing outside [Stuyvesant High School](#) on Wednesday morning, the first licks of sunlight casting a long shadow that made a perfect dance partner on the wall behind

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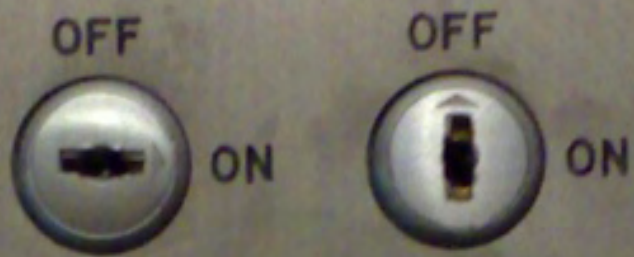
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What Rules your **HEART**?

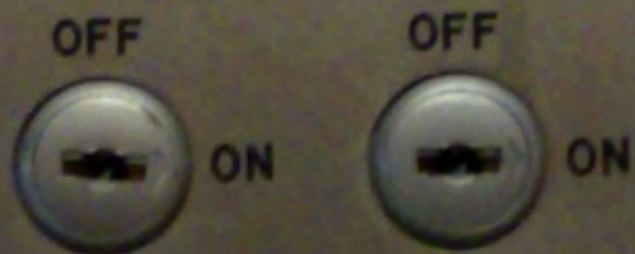
¹ Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem...
² noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³ (*For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders*)

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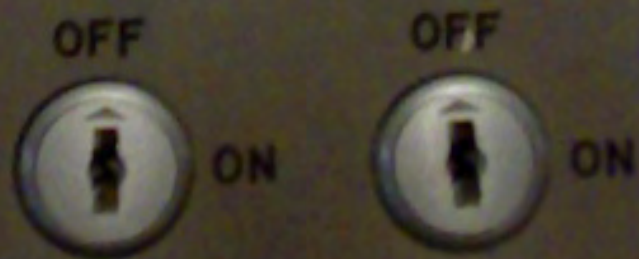
So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, "*Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders?*"



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What Rules your **HEART**?

Jesus' actions, words
and feelings brought the
Old Testament to life.

What Rules your **HEART**?

He said to them, "Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written, "This people honors me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me;⁷ in vain do they worship me, teaching human precepts as doctrines.'⁸ You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition."

(quoting Isaiah 29:13)

What Rules your **HEART**?

It's possible to say the
right words and do the
right things for all the
wrong reasons.

What Rules your **HEART**?

Legalism often...

- 1... produces a feeling of **entitlement**.
- 2... makes you feel **superior** to others.
- 3... creates a fear of **failure**.

What Rules your **HEART**?

You have a fine way of rejecting the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition! ¹⁰ For Moses said, “Honor your father and your mother”; and, “Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must surely die.” ¹¹ But you say that if anyone tells father or mother, “Whatever support you might have had from me is Corban.”

What Rules your **HEART**?

¹⁴ Then he called the crowd again and said to them, "Listen to me, all of you, and understand:
¹⁵ there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile." ...¹⁸ "Do you not see that whatever goes into a person from outside cannot defile, ¹⁹ since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?"

What Rules your **HEART**?

²¹ For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, ²² adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³ All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

"The line separating good and evil passes not through states, nor between classes, nor between political parties either, but right *through every human heart.*"



Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

“Dear Sir: In response to
your article, ‘What’s
wrong with the world,’
I am.

Yours truly,
G. K. Chesterton.”



G.K. Chesterton

What Rules your **HEART**?

We don't need a new diet.

We don't need more exercise.

We don't need a new list of rules.

We need RADICAL heart surgery!

What Rules your **HEART**?

We focus on the rules (*outside*).

God focuses the *heart*.

1Sam. 16:7 “But the LORD said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. *The LORD does not look at the things man looks at.* Man looks at the outward appearance, but **the LORD looks at the heart.**”

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