

What Rules your Heart?

Mark 7:1-23

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

Mark 7:1-5 ¹ The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and ² saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were "unclean," that is, unwashed. ⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, "Why don't your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with 'unclean' hands?"

Jesus _____ and _____ brought the Old Testament to life.

Mark 7:6 & 7 ⁶ He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: " 'These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. ⁷ They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.'

It's possible to say the _____ and do the _____ for all the *wrong reasons*.

Legalism often...

- 1... produces a feeling of _____.
- 2... makes you feel _____ to others.
- 3... creates a fear of _____.

"Tradition is the living faith of the dead, traditionalism is the dead faith of the living. And, I suppose I should add, it is traditionalism that gives tradition such a bad name."

-Jaroslav Pelikan The Vindication of Tradition: The 1983 Jefferson Lecture in the Humanities

Mark 7:9-11 ⁹ And he said to them: "You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! ¹⁰ For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'Anyone who curses his father or mother must be put to death.' ¹¹ But you say that if a man says to his father or mother: 'Whatever help you might otherwise have received from me is Corban'

Mark 7:15-19 ¹⁵ Nothing outside a man can make him 'unclean' by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him 'unclean.' " "Don't you see that nothing that enters a man from the outside can make him 'unclean'? ¹⁹ For it doesn't go into his heart but into his stomach, and then out of his body."

Mark 7:21 & 22 ²¹ For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, ²² greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly.

We need _____ heart surgery!

Matt. 5:8 Blessed are the **pure in heart**, for they will see God.

Mark 12:30 Love the Lord your God with **all your heart** and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.'

Take a "Heart" examine:

- 1) *Examine Your Motives:* Do your actions reflect that you see the world as God does, are you moved in emotion as He is, do you respond in action and speech as He would?
- 2) Are you loyal to God when other people aren't looking?
- 3) Is it from a love for God that all this flows?

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