

Today's Theme
“What Really Rules Life?”

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The Battle For The Inside Of Us

1. Religious Leaders Get Particular W/_____.

Matt 15:1 Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked, 2 “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don’t wash their hands before they eat!”

2. Religious Leaders Have A Heart _____.

Matt 15:3 Jesus replied, “And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition? 4 For God said, ‘Honor your father and mother’ and ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’ 5 But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is ‘devoted to God,’ 6 they are not to ‘honor their father or mother’ with it. Thus you nullify the word of God for the sake of your tradition. 7 You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you: 8 ““These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. 9 They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.”

3. Jesus Makes Things Very _____.

Matt 15:10 Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen and understand. 11 What goes into someone’s mouth does not defile them, but what comes out of their mouth, that is what defiles them.”

4. Disciples Are _____ Over Comments.

Matt 15:12 Then the disciples came to him and asked, “Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?”

5. Jesus Says: Move _____ From Blind Guides.

Matt 15:13 He replied, “Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be pulled up by the roots. 14 Leave them; they are blind guides. If the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit.”

6. Jesus Get’s To The _____ Of The Issue.

Matt 15:15 Peter said, “Explain the parable to us.” 16 “Are you still so dull?” Jesus asked them. 17 “Don’t you see that whatever enters the mouth goes into the stomach and then out of the body? 18 But the things that come out of a person’s mouth come from the heart, and these defile them.

7. Heart _____ Is Crucial To A Good Life.

Matthew 15:19 For out of the heart come evil thoughts—murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. 20 These are what defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile them.”

Your Heart Matters To God

Proverbs 21:2 A person may think their own ways are right, but the Lord weighs the heart.

Psalms 17:10 They close up their callous hearts, and their mouths speak with arrogance.

Prov 17:20 One whose heart is corrupt does not prosper; one whose tongue is perverse falls into trouble.

Psalms 51:10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

Proverbs 3:5 Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding;

Proverbs 4:23 Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.

Proverbs 18:12 Before a downfall the heart is haughty, but humility comes before honor.

Proverbs 23:19 Listen, my son, and be wise, and set your heart on the right path:

Proverbs 27:19 As water reflects the face, so one’s life reflects the heart.

Luke 12:34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Proverbs 23:26 My son, give me your heart and let your eyes delight in my ways,

What Do We Learn?

1. My Heart Can Be _____ From God.

2. Watch Carefully Who’s _____ You.

3. Taking _____ Of My Heart Is Crucial.