

## Mark 7:14-23

⇒ This is one of the most revolutionary statements ever made - at the time + today!

⇒ Commandments of Men → Commandments of God  
⇒ no effect

⇒ Sense of uncleanness, we can't clean ourselves,  
because we are no matter how hard we try

⇒ Only Jesus can make us clean!

⇒ Sense of being unclean

→ mosaic clean laws - dead things - gross things

- ritually unclean

- not allowed in the Temple

- Excluded from the worship  
Community.

→ Physical illustration - don't go into the presence of God spiritually dirty - God is Holy

- Jesus agrees we are unclean

- disagrees about the source + solution

→ We are all unclean - unfit for the presence of God. - Our natural state = unfit

→ Every - guilt - shame - even in a world of define your own morals - Kids call down to my office - why are you here?

→ we always feel there is something wrong with us.

→ sense that if we were examined, inspected even by our own standards we would be rejected.

→ inellible stain on every heart!

⇒ Prophets

Jer 17:9 "The heart is deceitful above all things and desperately wicked."

or incurably sick

Who can know it? - No one knows how sickly are.

⇒ Gen 6:5 The Lord saw that the wickedness of mankind was great in the earth and every intent of the heart was only evil continually

⇒ Eph 4:17

Ephesians 4:17-19 (NKJV)

17 This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind,

18 having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; hardness

19 who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness.

② We are all trying to cleanse our selves!

⇒ The heart of the matter is the heart

⇒ Ground zero → Jesus mission stride on earth - to change our hearts!

Gospel! Good news!

Jesus pointed out → heart!  
⇒ Where does all the relational  
strife, pain, suffering, sorrow come from?  
from inside ↓  
⇒ our hearts are self-centered

⇒ bent toward (inward on itself)

⇒ Worshipper → God  
value with glory → significance meaning purpose → Power Beauty Right  
Pleasure Riches  
Popularity Control

⇒ Washing - religiously - trying to clean one self from the outside in! <sup>presentable to God</sup> Accepted

⇒ Absurd! - impossible → food goes in + out <sup>mouth</sup> to anus

⇒ Clean food doesn't make the heart good

⇒ defile food doesn't make the heart unclean

⇒ Outside in will never change a heart!

⇒ if it could - we wouldn't need Jesus.

⇒ Any outside in approach to clean the stain of sin on a heart is futile. Foolish!

⇒ Religion — never know if you've done enough — increase anxiety — suffering → doubt  
↳ never gets rid of being self centered — self justification  
stay — self absorbed.

⇒ Politics ⇒ works outside in

conservative + liberal  
Politics — operates on the basis —

What is really wrong with human

society is the social structures —

→ wrong education, lack of applying religion, lack of technology

→ Wrong — Jesus says all of

your problems come from a self-centered heart.

Capitalism — Jewish  
Socialism — Muslim  
Communism — Christian

→ No matter what context, culture, structure → you put a human being

Nazism

into → there is going to be  
problems. — heart issues

⇒ Popular Culture — Social Media — Ministry

⇒ If the fundamental structure of the  
human heart is not changed — same person <sup>religious values</sup>  
in a different system ⇒ bent toward self — moral person  
immoral person <sub>secular values</sub>

⇒ Romans 1:17 "He through faith is righteous  
shall live"

⇒ Jesus is the only one who  
can clean us — he does it from  
the inside — out!

⇒ The only solution is to  
get a new heart.

⇒ Ezekiel 36:26-27

I will give you a new heart  
and put a new spirit in  
you. I will remove from you  
your heart of stone and give  
you a heart of flesh. I will  
put my spirit in you and  
move you to follow my decrees  
and keep my laws (Israel)

⇒ This happens when we  
become a Christian

Heart change → belief → behavior

Worship - value - give honor to Jesus  
relation

Ship  
Savior

⇒ Heb 10:16 (Jer 31:33)

⇒ I will put my laws  
in their heart

⇒ Gospel ⇒ Take the heart  
of stone + replace with a heart of  
flesh.

no life → life  
Rock      flesh

⇒ Stained heart - clean heart

⇒ When we are saved we  
get a new heart!

⇒ Phil 2:13 ⇒ he works in us

both to will + to do what pleases  
him

⇒ New heart - in love with Jesus!



⇒ Nicodemus — Ruler of the Jews — Pharisee — Sincere man — "good guy"

⇒ Nic @ Night

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John 3:2-8 (NKJV) 2 This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, "Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him."

3 Jesus answered and said to him, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

4 Nicodemus said to Him, "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter a second time into his mother's womb and be born?"

5 Jesus answered, "Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God.

6 "That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.

7 "Do not marvel that I said to you, 'You must be born again.'

⇒ born again = born anew  
born from above

⇒ 2nd birth — a new heart  
— comes from God to us  
by the Spirit — paid for  
by Christ

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NKJV)

Therefore, if anyone [is] in Christ, [he is] a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new.

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV) Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5:17 (NLT) This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

⇒ No one goes looking for a heart transplant - unless they recognize they have a heart problem

(Testimony of a heart transplant: New life)

⇒ Jesus is the great physician  
He has done millions of transplants +  
never failed - paid for them all

⇒ Outside in will never change people

⇒ Only way to change the world is changing hearts one person @ a time