

Pharisees focused on an external consistency that revealed an internal consistency.

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Jesus focused on an internal consistency that revealed an external consistency.

The focus was based on clean hands verses pure hearts.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes gathered around Him when they had come from Jerusalem and had seen that some of His disciples were eating their bread with impure hands, that is, unwashed. Mark 7:1-2

For the Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they carefully wash their hands, thus observing the traditions of the elders. Mark 7:3

And when they come from the market they do not eat unless they cleanse themselves; and there are many other things which they have received in order to observe, such as the washing of cups and pitchers and copper pots. Mark 7:4

The Pharisees and the scribes asked Him, "Why do Your disciples not walk according to the tradition of the elders, but eat their bread with impure hands?" Mark 7:5

The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: "God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector." Luke 18:11

**"If any man thinks ill of you, do not be angry with him; for you are worse than he thinks you to be."
Charles Spurgeon**

And He said to them, "Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: 'This people honors Me with their lips, but their heart is far away from Me. Mark 7:6

But in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the precepts of men. Neglecting the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men. Mark 7:7-8

The focus was based on closed minds verses open ears.

He was also saying to them, "You are experts at setting aside the commandment of God in order to keep your tradition." Mark 7:9

For Moses said, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who speaks evil of father or mother, is to be put to death'; but you say, 'If a man says to his father or his mother, whatever I have that would help you is Corban. Mark 7:10-11

You no longer permit him to do anything for his father or his mother; thus invalidating the word of God by your tradition which you have handed down; and you do many things such as that. Mark 7:12-13

After He called the crowd to Him again, He began saying to them, "Listen to Me, all of you, and understand there is nothing outside the man which can defile him if it goes into him; but the things which proceed out of the man are what defile the man. Mark 7:14-15

If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear. Mark 7:16

The focus was based on external things verses internal thoughts.

*When he had left the crowd and entered the house, His disciples questioned Him about the parable.
Mark 7:17*

And He said to them, “Are you so lacking in understanding also? Do you not understand that whatever goes into the man from outside cannot defile him, because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach, and is eliminated?” Mark 7:18-19

And He was saying, “That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man. Mark 7:20

*For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed the evil thoughts, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness, as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride and foolishness.
Mark 7:21-22*

All these evil things proceed from within and defile the man. Mark 7:23