

***STUDIES
IN
MARK***



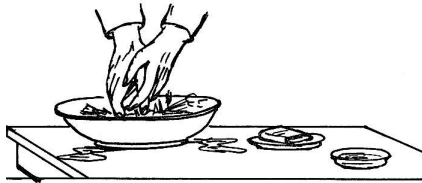
Lesson 24

Mark 7:1-23

Mrs. Black always shined the outside of her pots and hung them on the wall of her kitchen. Everybody saw how nice and shining her pots were. They said, "My, what a clean woman Mrs. Black is!"

One day a friend came to borrow one of Mrs. Black's nice shiny pots. How surprised she was when she got home, and found that the pot that looked so good on the outside was all black and dirty on the inside!

STUDY MARK 7:1-13



1. What did the scribes and Pharisees complain about in verse 2 and verse 5?

2. The scribes and Pharisees had some laws of their own about washing things. They thought their laws were as good as God's laws. What did they often wash? (verse 3)
3. What else were they always washing? (verse 4)

There was nothing wrong with being clean, but they thought more about **clean things** than **clean hearts**.

4. In both verses 3 and 5, it talks about "the tradition of the elders." These were some of their own laws. They were not written in the Bible. Jesus called their "traditions" (verse 7, last part) "The _____ of _____."
5. In verse 8, Jesus said the Pharisees were "laying aside _____ of _____" and "holding _____ of _____."
6. In verse 9 Jesus says again, "Ye reject (throw away) the commandments of _____ that ye may keep _____."
7. In verse 10, what 2 things did Moses say?
(1) _____ and _____.

- (2) “Whoso _____ .”
8. In Exodus 20:12 it says, “ _____ thy _____ and thy _____ .”
 9. Who does Exodus 21:17 say has to be put to death? _____ .
 10. God always taught that a man should take care of his father and mother. Sometimes a man does not want to do that. Then he says the money or food that he should give to help his father or mother is “corban.” “Corban” was something given to God. By their man-made laws anything that was corban could not be used any other way. God would not be pleased with that kind of a gift. Even if the man was sorry after he did that, the scribes and Pharisees would not let him change it. They thought their laws were more important than God’s laws. (verses 12,13)
 11. What name did Jesus call the scribes and Pharisees in verse 6? _____ .
 12. In verse 6, Jesus tells that what Isaiah the prophet said about hypocrites like them.
 “This people honors me with _____ , but their _____ is far from me.”
 (Matthew 15:7,8)

If we just talk about obeying God, and if we just say we love Him, but we do not obey Him, then God calls us **hypocrites**. The woman in the little story at the beginning of this lesson was a hypocrite too. She made the outside look good, but the inside was not nice at all.

God looks to the very bottom of our hearts to see what we are really like. We only see what people are like on the outside. When we let Jesus come into our hearts, He can make our dirty hearts clean, and our bad hearts good. Then we do not need to worry what people see. If the heart is right, the things we do will be right too.

MORE ABOUT THE HEART

READ MARK 7:14-23

Jesus called all the people to Him. He said,

“Hearken to Me, every one of you, and understand.” (verse 14)

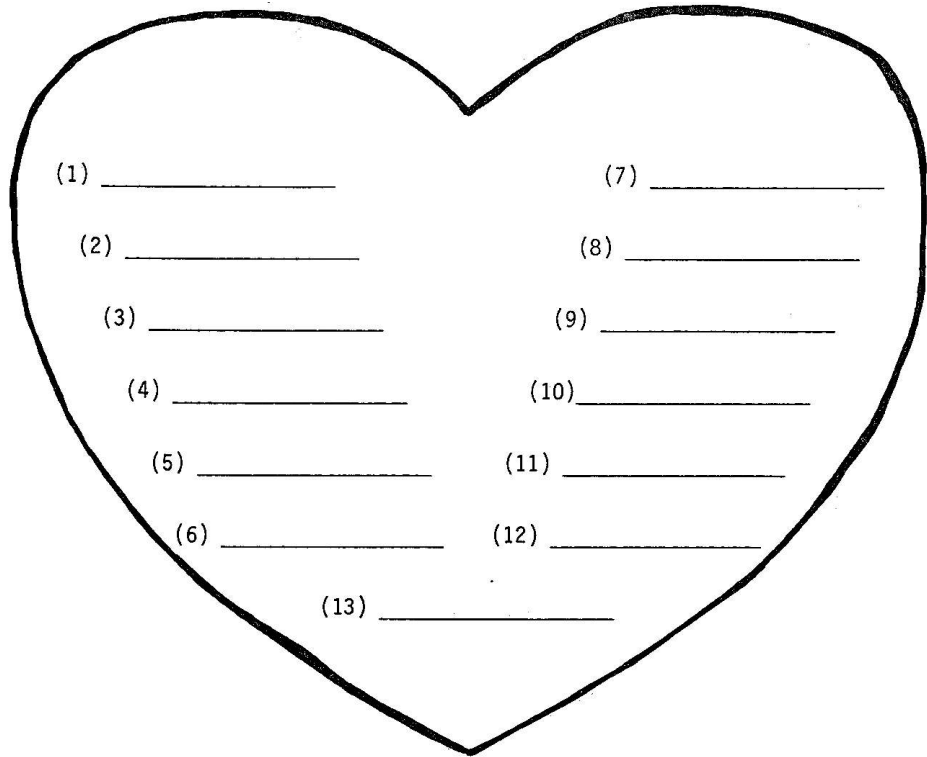
In verse 15 Jesus tells them that it is not what you put into your mouth that makes you

dirty before God, but what comes out of your mouth.

“If any man has ears to hear, let him hear.” (verse 16)

Even Jesus’ followers did not seem to understand what He meant. Jesus tells them that which goes into your mouth, goes into your stomach. The things you say and do tell what your heart is like.

13. From verses 21 and 22, make a list of the evil things that come out of a sinful heart.



(1) _____ (7) _____
(2) _____ (8) _____
(3) _____ (9) _____
(4) _____ (10) _____
(5) _____ (11) _____
(6) _____ (12) _____
(13) _____

14. Have you ever heard someone lie? Or tell filthy stories? Or make dirty jokes? Say mean things? Gossip? Where do all these things come from?

Only Jesus can make dirty hearts clean. He had to die for all these bad things. When we let Jesus and His Holy Spirit fill our hearts, our thoughts will be clean and beautiful. Jesus will make our bad hearts clean. His blood washes whiter than snow.

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