



1. Beware of \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.37-39)

**Luke 11:37** While Jesus was speaking, a Pharisee asked him to dine with him, so he went in and reclined at table.

**38** The Pharisee was astonished to see that he did not first wash before dinner. **39** And the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness.

**40** You fools! Did not he who made the outside make the inside also?

**41** But give as alms those things that are within, and behold, everything is clean for you. **42** But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every herb, and neglect justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others." (ESV)

2. Demand \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.40-41)

3. Aim for \_\_\_\_\_ (v.42)

# Application Questions

*These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.*

1. Read **Matthew 15:8**. Why is this arrangement such a common and attractive option for so many people?
2. Read **Matthew 15:9**. What are some man-made (extra-biblical) forms or customs which some people in our culture practice that make them feel like they are "right with God," when in fact these things have nothing to do with biblical Christianity?
3. Read **Ezekiel 36:26-27**. In your own words, describe the experiential difference of an involvement with Christianity and an engagement in Christian life that is from the inside out versus the outside in.
4. Read **Matthew 6:1-5**. What are some of the skewed motives that can creep into the Christian activities and spiritual disciplines you participate in every week?
5. Read **Ecclesiastes 12:14** and **1 Corinthians 4:5**. What can and will you do in a quest to keep your intentions and your actions in sync this week?

## *This Week's Bible Reading Schedule*

**October 18<sup>th</sup>**

*Is. 65-66 & 2Th. 1*

**October 19<sup>th</sup>**

*Jer. 1-2 & 2Th. 2*

**October 20<sup>th</sup>**

*Jer. 3-4 & 2Th. 3*

**October 21<sup>st</sup>**

*Jer. 5-6 & 1Tim. 1*

**October 22<sup>nd</sup>**

*Jer. 7-8 & 1Tim. 2*

**October 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Jer. 9-10 & 1Tim. 3*

**October 24<sup>th</sup>**

*Jer. 11-13 & 1Tim. 4*

**October 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Jer. 14-16 & 1Tim. 5*

*The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website (FocalPointMinistries.org).*

Msg. 13-21 – **Curiosity & Real Conversion**

Msg. 12-12 – **Real Change from the Inside Out**

Msg. 06-21 – **Watching Out for the Pacifying Benefits of Dating Christ**

Msg. 14-22 – **The Hard Work of Fruitful Hearing**

Msg. 08-01 – **Realities Instead of Rituals**

Msg. 15-54 – **The Salvation Experience**

Msg. 13-10 – **Transformed: When God Gets a Hold of Your Life**

## *This Week's Social Media Hashtag*

**#DestroyingObstacles**

*For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.*

*Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.*

Boice, James M. **Christ's Call to Discipleship**. Moody Press, 1986.

Bonhoeffer, Dietrich. **The Cost of Discipleship**. SCM Press Ltd., 1959.

Chantry, Walter J. **Today's Gospel: Authentic or Synthetic?** Banner of Truth, 1970.

Edwards, Jonathan. **Jonathan Edwards on Knowing Christ**. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1990.

MacArthur, John. **The Gospel According to Jesus, revised edition**. Zondervan, 1994.

Miller, C. John. **Repentance and the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Man**. Christian Literature Crusade, 1975.

Montgomery, John Warwick. **Damned Through the Church**. Dimension Books, 1970.

Needham, David. **Alive for the First Time: A Fresh Look at the New Birth Miracle**. Multnomah Press, 1995.

Packer, J. I. **Knowing God**. InterVarsity Press, 1973.

Pettegrew, Larry D. **The New Covenant Ministry of the Holy Spirit**. Kregel, 2001.

Roberts, Richard Owen. **Repentance: The First Word of the Gospel**. Crossway Books, 2002.

Sproul, R. C. **The Mystery of the Holy Spirit: Discover the Work of the Living Spirit of the Living God**. Tyndale, 1990.

Spurgeon, Charles. **A Passion for Holiness in a Believer's Life**. YWAM Publishing, 1996.

Tozer, A. W. **The Pursuit of God**. Reprint. Christian Publications, 1982.

Watson, Thomas. **The Doctrine of Repentance**. Reprint. Banner of Truth, 1987.