

Series "The God Who Serves"
"The Heart Of The Problem"
Mark 7:14-23
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Mark 7:15

Today's Popular View is "Evil Is The Result Of The Environment"

The Definitive Christian view of man is "Human Depravity"

Thought Of Our Passage: "Defilement Does Not Come Through What A Person Digests But What Comes Out Of The Heart"

1. Verses 14-16 – The Revelation:

2. Verses 17-23 – The Explanation:

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Mark 7:14

Matt 15:10-20

"If Obedience to tradition made a person disobedient to the Word of God, this proved that the tradition was false."

Mark 7:15

"Defile" – 5X, "to make profane, defile, pollute, dirty, unclean" profane – That which is not suitable for the temple.

Hebrews 8:5

Hebrews 9:10

Hebrews 10:22

Hebrews 6:1-2

Matthew 23:27-28

Lev 11

Jeremiah 17:9-10

Prov 28:26

J.C. Ryle said, "If parents were half as diligent in praying for their children's conversion as they are in keeping them from bad company, their children would turn out far better than they do."

Mark 7:16

2. Verses 17-23 – The Explanation:

Mark 7:17

Matt 15:15

Mark 7:18-19

"Heart" – not the organ but the center of our lives; The real hidden person.

Proverbs 4:23

Matthew 15:17 – "draught": and the Greek word for draught means "the place on which you sit, a place of sitting apart"

Acts 10

Mark 7:20

Matt 12:34

Mark 7:21

Doctrine of "Human Depravity": "all persons are by nature out of touch with God, and every person has the capacity to commit the most heinous of all sins, which resides in every human heart. All are inclined, by nature, to serve their own will and desires and to reject the rule of God"

Romans 3:10-18

Romans 3:23

Romans 7:24

Psalm 51:10

Man treats the symptoms of sin with legalism rather than the root cause of sin being the depraved heart.

Must have – a new birth (Regeneration): John 3:3-7

Ezekiel 36:26

2 Corinthians 5:17

“evil thoughts” – Get English word “dialogue”; means “evil designs, attitudes, perceptions, ideas”; “Every outward act of sin is preceded by an inward act of choice”

Lists 12 Sins: 6 are Plural, they refer to acts; 6 are Singular, refer to attitudes behind the acts:

1. “fornications,” – means “every kind of traffic in sexual vice; Sexual immorality, pre-marital or extra-marital”
2. “thefts,” – Greek word “klepto”; Kleptomania – is the inability to refrain from the urge to steal items for reasons other than personal use or financial gain.
3. “murders,” – Jesus said the root is hatred of others. Matthew 5:21-22
4. “adulteries,” – “Married person or persons with a lust or an appetite for what belongs to another; not satisfied with what God has blessed one with”

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5. “deeds of coveting” – “Grasping for, greediness to have more, for material things and positions, the spirit which snatches at that which it is not right to take, it includes the desire for power, the insatiable lust of the flesh”
6. “wickedness” – “Acts intended to hurt people. The man in whose heart there is the desire to harm.”
7. “deceit” – A word which means “bait”; used for “trickery and deceit.” It is “crafty, cunning, deceitful, clever treachery”
8. “sensuality” – “Plunging into moral debauchery in open defiance of public opinion. Resents all discipline, acknowledges no restraints, and is lost to decency and to shame. An evil man may hide his sin, but this man sins without a qualm and never hesitates to shock his fellow men”

9. "envy" – Literally, "the evil eye, the eye that looks on the success and happiness of another in such a way that it would cast an evil spell upon it if it could."
10. "slander" – "Word's Against God or man. Words against man, it means slander; when it is used of words against God, it means blasphemy. It means insulting man or God."
11. "pride" – The Greek word literally means "showing oneself above"; It describes the attitude of the man "who has a certain contempt for everyone except himself, self-praising"

James 4:6

12. "foolishness" – "Making a joke of sin, and laughing at a standard of morality, and right and wrong, desensitized morally and spiritually. It describes, not the man who is a brainless fool, but the man who chooses to play the fool. Making sin a joke"

Mark 7:23

Application:

1. Defilement Does Not Come Through What A Person Digests But What Comes Out Of The Heart.
2. Man Treats The Symptoms Of Sin With Legalism Rather Than The Root Cause Of Sin Being The Depraved Heart.
3. God's Remedy For A Defiled Heart, Is A New Birth Called Regeneration; We Must Be Born Again.
4. Let Us Pray Daily For Grace To Keep Our Thoughts Pure, And Let Us Cry Earnestly And Fervently, "Lead Us Not Into Temptation."