

**Rediscover Jesus, Part 43: "Cleansed from the Inside Out"****Luke 11:37-44**

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*Be clean from the inside out by giving God all of your heart.***I. Be clean from the inside out (vv. 37- 41)****Luke 11:37- 41**<sup>37</sup> While Jesus was speaking, a Pharisee asked him to dine with him, so he went in and reclined at table.<sup>38</sup> The Pharisee was astonished to see that he did not first wash before dinner.<sup>39</sup> 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.<sup>40</sup> You fools! Did not he who made the outside make the inside also?<sup>41</sup> But give as alms those things that are within, and behold, everything is clean for you.**II. Be warned of only outward devotion (vv. 42- 44)****Luke 11:42**<sup>42</sup> "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.**Matthew 22:37 – 40 (ESV)**<sup>37</sup> Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.<sup>38</sup> This is the first and greatest commandment.<sup>39</sup> And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'<sup>40</sup> All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."**Luke 11:43 – 44 (ESV)**<sup>43</sup> Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the best seat in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces.<sup>44</sup> Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without knowing it."**Life Application**1. Examine our hearts – before we make decisions, examine our heart posture by asking ourselves, "am I doing this to love God and others?"2. Focus on the heart of worship – when we worship God, instead of focusing on our "performance", consciously think of who God is and what He's done for us, and allow that to fuel our praise.3. Help brothers and sisters to love God and love others – remind one another of the more important matters of God's Laws to love Him and others.