

The Darkness of the Religious Leaders Exposed

Luke 11:37-54

Legalism cannot produce righteousness and should be exposed for its hypocrisy.

1. The legalist's understanding of _____ should be _____. (v 37-41)

1.1 True cleanliness demands the _____ of the inner man, not just exterior ceremonial washings. (v 39-40)

- To truly honor God requires a pure _____ more than ritualistic _____.
- To truly honor God requires a comprehensive obedience in one's _____ as well as one's _____.

1.2 True cleanliness is displayed in one's _____ to those who are needy, not just the expected ceremonial offerings. (v 41)

2. The legalist's practice of _____ should be _____. (v 42-54)

2.1 Jesus' three woes for the Pharisees (v 42-44)

- Stop _____ to love others and God above all else.
- Stop _____ for public recognition and prestige.
- Stop _____ others to sin because of hypocrisy.

2.2 Jesus' three woes for the lawyers/scribes (v 45-52)

- Stop _____ others with impossible moral standards and refusing to help them attain righteousness.
- Stop _____ those who do teach God's truth faithfully, all the while pretending to honor such teachers.
- Stop _____ others from discovering God's truth.

Concl: Pharisees and lawyer's hatred of Jesus (v 53-54)

- They vigorously _____ Jesus.
- They constantly _____ Jesus pointed questions looking for some reason to accuse Him.
 - 1- _____ against Him
 - 2- _____ to trip Him up and trap Him in His answers