

The Beauty all around us declare . .



Lesson 6: Mark 7 – G.I.G.O.

- **The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus ² and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were defiled, that is, unwashed. ³ (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders.**

- **⁴ When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.**

- **⁵ So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with defiled hands?”**
- **⁶ He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written:**

- **““These people honor me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me.
7 They worship me in vain;
their teachings are merely human rules.’**
- **8 You have let go of the commands of God
and are holding on to human traditions.”**

- **9 And he continued, “You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions! ¹⁰ For Moses said, ‘Honor your father and mother,’ and, ‘Anyone who curses their father or mother is to be put to death.’**

- **¹¹ But you say that if anyone declares that what might have been used to help their father or mother is Corban (that is, devoted to God)—¹² then you no longer let them do anything for their father or mother. ¹³ Thus you nullify the word of God by your tradition that you have handed down. And you do many things like that.”**

- **¹⁴ Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. ¹⁵ Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.” [16]**

- **17 After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. 18 “Are you so dull?” he asked. “Don’t you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? 19 For it doesn’t go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body.” (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.)**

- **20 He went on: “What comes out of a person is what defiles them. 21 For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, 22 adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. 23 All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”**

What is inside you?

- **G.I.G.O.:**
- **Garbage In – Garbage Out**
- **Who likes garbage?**
- **God doesn't!**
- **What is coming out of you?**

- 21 For it is from within, out of a person's heart, .
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- 23 All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”
- Jesus is very concerned about the inner you!

THE Garbage list:

- evil thoughts
- sexual immorality,
- theft,
- murder,
- adultery,
- greed,
- Malice or wickedness
- deceit,
- Lewdness or lustful desires,
- envy,
- slander,
- Arrogance or pride,
- Folly or foolishness

What is 'defilement?'

- there are two primary sins about which Scripture regularly uses the word *defilement*: sexual impurity and idolatry.
 1. Sexual sin is so defiling that God used it to describe the worst kind of spiritual betrayal.
 2. We commit idolatry when we treasure anything more than we esteem Christ
- <https://www.gotquestions.org/Bible-defilement.html>

God's purpose for your life: holiness

- **¹³ Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. ¹⁴ As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance.**

- **¹⁵ But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; ¹⁶ for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.”**

Action Plan: being careful!

- What do you 'feed' on?
- What are your kids feeding on?
- Best offence: time in Scripture
- Use filters etc for phones, computers
- Limit time on electronic devices
- Offer healthier alternatives – hands on activities

‘Jesus Calling’

- Jesus is calling us to holy living in the midst of an unholy world all around us
- We are to be different:
- “You are the light of the world. – Matthew 5.14

You are what you love . .

- ¹⁵ Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you. ¹⁶ For the world offers only a craving for physical pleasure, a craving for everything we see, and pride in our achievements and possessions.

- These are not from the Father, but are from this world. ¹⁷ And this world is fading away, along with everything that people crave. But anyone who does what pleases God will live forever.

- 1 John 2, NLT