

10. Jesus took on the religious leaders with so much force that His words here have been compared to what?
11. In verses 25-28, Jesus rebukes the leaders for hiding what is inside the heart by covering it with what?
12. If you have to make a choice between washing the inside or outside of a cup you would do which?
13. This first illustration given by Jesus (v.25) communicates what idea?
14. What is more important than external beauty?
15. The scribes and Pharisees were consumed with what?
16. We can't read these words of Jesus and leave them as what?
17. How often are you like the scribes and Pharisees, looking at the external forms of religiosity but not dealing with the heart?
18. The scribes and Pharisees put on a good front but inside they were full of what?
19. Where do we see greed lived out in "religious circles"?
20. False religious leaders fleece people of their money through what?
21. When false religious leaders fix themselves up on the outside to impress people and move people to give them money, it is what?
22. "Self-indulgence" refers to a lack of what?
23. If one doesn't possess the Holy Spirit, he doesn't have what?
24. If you want to be right with God, you **don't** start by dressing up what?
25. If you want to be right with God, you start by dealing with what?
26. What are several Old Testament passages that help us understand the point in question #25?
27. It was a common practice in ancient Israel to do what with tombs?
28. The scribes and Pharisees never wanted to become what?
29. Even though the religious leaders looked white and clean on the outside, inside they were what?
30. Most people in the Jewish society of Jesus' day, saw the scribes and Pharisees as the most what?
31. Though they appeared devout and religious, inside the leaders were full of what?
32. Many religious people don't really what?
33. The Lord can see when the heart is full of what?
34. When a heart is not focused on what God really thinks, what is really inside is what?

35. Which were the scribes and Pharisees: those who fake being religious or those who were religious without any focus on the heart?

36. The scribes and Pharisees were religious. It was real and genuine to them, but they were blind to what?

37. How about you? Is your heart right before God?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

»»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

»»How can I accomplish this change?

»»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

For Next Time:

- 1. Read Matthew 23 this week**
- 2. What did the initials WWJD stand for?**
- 3. What is one of the main problems in living out the idea of "what would Jesus do"?**
- 4. In what sense were the religious leaders blind? What are some other places in Scripture where you see this spiritual blindness lived out in their interaction with Jesus?**

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PRETTY OUTSIDE, UGLY INSIDE

Matthew 23:25-28

(Series #130)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "**Pretty Outside, Ugly Inside.**" All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. Where in Scripture do we find the monumental statement that God does not look at the outward appearance but on the heart?
2. What did Jesus' enemies know about Him when it came to externals?
3. When it came to interacting with people, Jesus didn't regard a person's what?
4. Jesus obviously did what?
5. True justice is what?
6. We don't need to be handsome or good looking for what to happen?
7. The religious leaders of Jesus' day had hearts that were unclean and impure but they tried to do what?
8. Have you ever tried to do that?
9. Not only were the religious leaders headed for eternal damnation, they were also doing what?

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