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Mark 7:15 *“There is nothing from without a man, that entering into him can defile him: but the things which come out of him, those are they that defile the man.”*

Jesus and his disciples had been questioned in Mark 7:5 as to why His disciples were eating with unwashed hands. Even in their very question, they convicted themselves by saying the disciples were not walking according to the tradition of the elders. They were more concerned with tradition than the law.

Over the past few years I have been to the hospital and other health institutions quite a bit visiting patients. One thing I have noted is how many hand sanitizer dispensers there are. They are outside every room and along hall walls. Before someone touches you and after they do, they use the sanitizer, and well they should.

Much is spent in our society to make sure things are clean. This

includes everything from our food and water to hotel rooms and anything we deal with in public. This is a good thing and should be done.

As much as society is concerned with germs and uncleanness that might enter into us, there is something far more unclean and deadly. The things that enter into us that affect us spiritually are capable of causing us to lose our eternal souls.

A lot of music contains unclean lyrics. Movies are full of violence and immodesty. The Internet contains a world of ungodliness. None of these media are inherently bad, but if we let the bad they contain enter into us, it will defile us.

Physical soil that contaminates our bodies can be washed away, but spiritual uncleanness cannot simply be removed with soap and water. Sights and sounds enter into our minds and will be there always. No matter how much we try, there are things we can never forget.

I do think the LORD expects us to keep ourselves free from physical contaminates as much as possible to give us good health and then use that good health in His service. But the LORD also wants us to keep our hearts and minds free from spiritual corruption. It's all around us. In our living rooms, computers and on our cell phones. Use these things for the glory of God and never let any evil content enter into us and defile us.

Even if you have been defiled by unclean and evil thoughts, sounds, and images, fill your mind with spiritual things and ask what the psalmist asked in Psalm 51:10, *“Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.”*

—Marty Edwards ❖

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Sunday 9am,10am,12pm; 6pm (Online) — Wednesday 6pm (Online)

News

—Continue to remember **Steve Seaton, Brad Terry, Enola Zigler, Ken & Erin Davis, Becky Hatcher, Richard and Meg Connolly, Larry Compton, Linda Terry, Rick Gibbs, Sandy Duncan, Jerry Reynolds, Betty Franklin, Lauren Candela, Alice Vanderstoep, Jeff Burd, and Carol Riffle.**

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Jeremiah 17:1, *“The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond: it is graven upon the table of their heart, and upon the horns of your altars;”*

In a somewhat related thought to the article on the front of the bulletin, when we fill our hearts with sinful images, they are written there and impossible to remove. Regarding the sin of Judah, Jeremiah said that it was written with a pen of iron and the point of a diamond.

Their sin was written with a tool that was engraving it deep and permanently. It was written upon the table of their hearts and on the horns of their altars. It was written on their very inside where it was always before them and upon their altars in that it kept them from worshiping the LORD properly. Their sins were before them inside and before the LORD upon the altars.

These sins were written in a way that was permanent. This is not saying that they could not be forgiven, for they could be. But, the sins were written deep within them and it would be hard, and for some impossible, to repent. We are told in Hebrews 6:4-6 about those for whom it is impossible to repent. These are those so deep in sin and have no desire to repent.

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Sunday, November 10, 2024		
Classes	15	Luke 18:18-43
Preaching	28	II Timothy 2 — Soldiers for the LORD
Contribution	\$953.00	
Evening	11	Revelation 3:1-13; Genesis 25:20-34

Bible Quiz

Those who overcome shall be clothed in what?

Last Week’s Answer— A white stone with a new name (Revelation 2:17)

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Remove sins and sinful actions from you before they become permanently written upon your heart with a diamond tipped pen of iron.

—Marty Edwards❖

—God’s Plan of Salvation—

1. Hear the Gospel (Romans 10:14)
2. Believe on the Lord and His Word (Mark 16:16; John 8:24)
3. Repent of your sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 17:30)
4. Confess Christ (Matthew 10:32,33; Luke 12:8; Romans 10:9)
5. Be baptized (immersed in water) for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38; Mark 16:16; Galatians 3:27; I Peter 3:21)
6. Live a faithful, dedicated life (Revelation 2:10; II Peter 1:5-10)