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(Luke 11:37-54) ► Why? ► ALTACITIES®

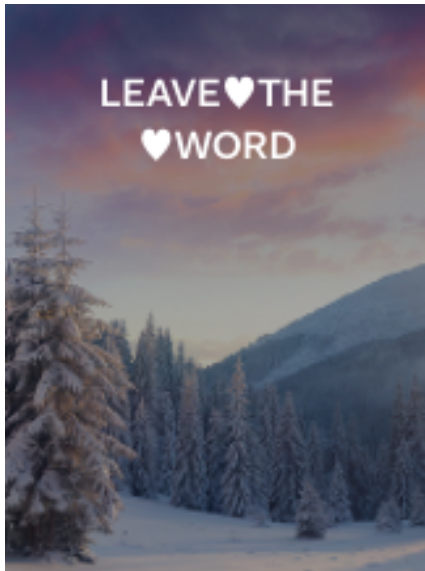
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42 ► “Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect **justice** and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone.

43 ► “Woe to you Pharisees, because you love the most important seats in the synagogues and respectful **greetings** in the marketplaces.

44 ► “Woe to you, because you are like unmarked graves, which people walk over without **knowing** it.”

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► Luke loves meal scenes and often reports discourses of great significance at the table (**5:29; 7:36; 10:38; 14:1; 22:14**). This meal is no exception. If diplomats had been present at this meal, the press release afterward would have said, “The two parties held frank and direct discussions, but no agreement was reached.”

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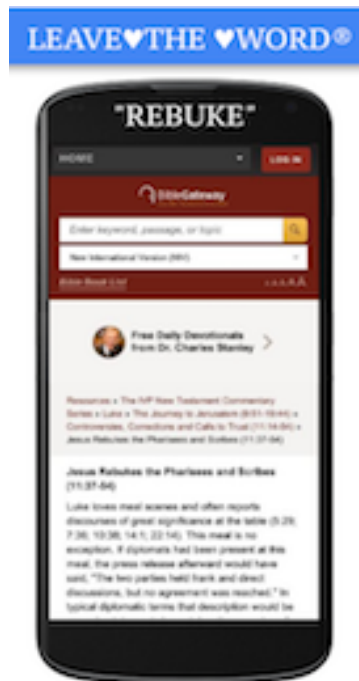
- The exchange between Jesus and the religious rulers of the day were marked less by diplomacy and more often by rebuttal and debate. Jesus was usually asking the questions and more often than not, the rulers never responded directly.
- The piety, even the correctness of the religious leaders of that time faced condemnation from Jesus and the rulers hated Jesus for his candor and judgment.
- In stark contrast with the religious ruling class, Jesus spoke and acted contrary toward their traditions and culture (i.e., not washing his hands before partaking of a meal).
- Many Christians believe that passivity, the absence of anger in the face of evil, and compliance with wrong-minded leadership are hallmarks of the faith. This example of Jesus causes the question to judge that stance,
- No more vivid example is needed to understand the great gulf between He and religionists of His time. Hypocrisy was condemned by Savior. Not just one hypocritical way, but six different sins of the religious rulers.
 1. He begins with the picture of a cup that is clean on the outside but filthy with extortion and wickedness on the inside. Jesus alludes to the precise care that went into washing utensils so as to avoid ritual uncleanness. He is reacting to the contrast between compulsiveness in external cleanliness and an absence of concern for the heart.
 2. The two vices Jesus names are greed and wickedness.
 3. Jesus turns his attention to God's role as Creator, the One who made both the outside things and the inside.
 4. Jesus disdains greed and wickedness. Both are broad terms for the immorality of various types, usually attitudes that lead us to treat people and possessions as objects to be used and manipulated.
 5. Jesus admonished those who abused the principle of tithing, both in the monetary sense and the spiritual sense.
 6. The scribes' hypocrisy lies in claiming to know God's will yet being cold to others.

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