

## PART 1 of 2 (THE WHAT & WHY) - A BACKGROUND STUDY ON...

Matt. 23:15-28;

Lk. 11:39-41

If the inside is dirty,  
the cup is not clean!



(Leviticus 11-15, 29-38; Luke 16:15)

**DON'T BE AN  
UNWASHED  
DISH.**

(NKJV) Matthew 23:25-26 “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you cleanse the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of extortion and self-indulgence. 26 Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also.

(NKJV) Luke 11:39-41 Then the Lord said to him, “Now you Pharisees make the outside of the cup and dish clean, but your inward part is full of greed and wickedness. 40 Foolish ones! Did not He who made the outside make the inside also? 41 But rather give alms of such things as you have; then indeed all things are clean to you.

### I. A Few Notes On Pharisees and Unclean Pots.

A. Why were they ritualistic washers? (Mark 7:3-4, Leviticus 11-15, 29-38.)

B. What the Pharisees would never do with their dishes, they did with themselves.  
(Luke 16:15, Matthew 5:21-28)

C. In truth, their outside would never be totally clean because their inside wasn't.  
(Luke 20:46-47, Mark 7:20-22)

### II. A Few Notes On Christians and Clean Cups.

A. “W \_\_\_\_\_ -K \_\_\_\_\_ doesn't work if the focus is only outward. (Matt.23:25).

B. The L \_\_\_\_\_, “New-Life” C \_\_\_\_\_ comes from W \_\_\_\_\_: (Matt.12:34, 23:26).

C. C \_\_\_\_\_ matters more than reputation. (Matthew 23:27-28).

D. God deserves M \_\_\_\_\_ T \_\_\_\_\_ cleaned up B \_\_\_\_\_. (Luke 11:40).

E. While external R \_\_\_\_\_ and regulations should reflect the right heart, they are  
N \_\_\_\_\_ the H \_\_\_\_\_ of real R \_\_\_\_\_. (Matt.15:8, Lk.11:41, (cf. Matt.6:2, 23:23).

F. D \_\_\_\_\_ people D \_\_\_\_\_ people: (Numbers 19:11-18, Matthew 23:15)

Conclusion: I Peter 3:21 What is baptism for? \_\_\_\_\_.

**NEXT WEEK: PART 2 (THE HOW) - APPLICATIONS**