

THE END OF LEGALISM

OR

WELCOME TO HEART-RELIGION! MK. 7:14-23

There are 2 things I know:

1. Diagnosis, treatment, and prognosis are always related.
2. If wrong on the diagnosis, then wrong on the treatment and prognosis.

1. Legalists don't get it – **make sure you get it**

Mark 7:14 And when he had called all the people unto him, he said unto them, **Hearken unto me every one of you, and understand: 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. **Mark 7:16** **If any man have ears to hear, let him hear.** **Mark 7:17** And when he was entered into the house from the people, his disciples asked him concerning the parable. **Mark 7:18** And he saith unto them, **Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive....**

Thoughts:

- This seems simple
- This is rather direct
- They didn't get it
- They probably were only thinking about...!
- **Not getting it only has a few sources**

John 10:27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:

John 8:37 I know that ye are Abraham's seed; but ye seek to kill me, **because my word hath no place in you.** **John 8:38** I speak that which I have seen with my Father: and ye do that which ye have seen with your father. **John 8:39** They answered and said unto him, Abraham is our father. Jesus saith unto them, **If** ye were Abraham's children, ye would do the works of Abraham. **John 8:40** But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. **John 8:41** Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. **John 8:42** Jesus said unto them, **If** God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. **John 8:43** **Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word.**

John 8:47 He that is of God heareth God's words: ye therefore hear them not, **because ye are not of God.**

1 Timothy 4:15 Meditate (μελέτω) upon these things; give thyself wholly (ἐν τούτοις ἴσθι) to them; that thy profiting may appear to all.

2 Timothy 2:7 Consider what I say; and the Lord give thee understanding in all things.

2. Legalists **also don't** get over it – **make sure you get over it**

Mark 7:18 And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Do ye not perceive, that whatsoever thing from without entereth into the man, it cannot defile him; **Mark 7:19** Because it entereth not into his heart (εις την καρδιαν), **but** into the belly (ἀλλ' εις την κοιλίαν), and goeth out into the draught (τὸν ἀφεδρῶνα), purging all meats (καθαρίζον πάντα τὰ βρώματα)?

Mark 7:20 And he said, That which cometh **out of** the man, **that** defileth the man.

Legalists can't seem to get over what they have learned from somewhere:

- My faith is all my traditions
- My faith is standards / rules
- My faith is a checklist

At church

At prayer meeting

AWANA worker	Serve
Choir	Right language
Don't smoke	Don't drink
Don't dance	Don't chew!!!

The moment you feel guilty – what do you do? You do a few more checks.

Example: Problems with children / grandchildren / marriage / mind / lusts / passions....:

Don't know what to do

Can't get to the heart

Keep going back to the externals

KJV Mark 7:19 Because it entereth not into his heart, but into the belly, and goeth out into the draught, purging all meats?
NKJV Mark 7:19 because it does not enter his heart but his stomach, and is eliminated, thus purifying all foods?"
ESV Mark 7:19 since it enters not his heart but his stomach, and is expelled?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.)
NASB Mark 7:19 because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach, and is eliminated?" (Thus He declared all foods clean.)
NIV Mark 7:19 For it doesn't go into his heart but into his stomach, and then out of his body." (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods "clean.")
ASV Mark 7:19 because it goeth not into his heart, but into his belly, and goeth out into the draught? This he said, making all meats clean.
NRSV Mark 7:19 since it enters, not the heart but the stomach, and goes out into the sewer?" (Thus he declared all foods clean.)

3. Legalists don't get after it – make sure you get after it

Mark 7:20 And he said, That which cometh **out of** the man, that defileth the man. **Mark 7:21** For from **within, out of the heart of** men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, **Mark 7:22** Thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: **Mark 7:23 All these evil things come from within, and defile the man.**

Bible Believing Christians always begin with the heart

Psalm 19:14 Let the words of my **mouth**, and the meditation of my **heart**, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

Proverbs 4:23 Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life.

Proverbs 23:19 Hear thou, my son, and be wise, and guide thine heart in the way.

Psalm 119:11 Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

Psalm 139:23-24 Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

Jeremiah 17:9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?

Proverbs 6:20 My son, keep thy father's commandment, and forsake not the law of thy mother: **Proverbs 6:21** Bind them continually upon thine heart, and tie them about thy neck. **Proverbs 6:22** When thou goest, it shall lead thee; when thou sleepest, it shall keep thee; and when thou awakest, it shall talk with thee.

So, when having difficulty with kids...what do you do?

- **Nothing**
- **Blame someone else**
- **Same old things**
- **More of the same old thing**
- **Something crazy**

What does a Bible-believing Christian, who gets matters of the heart do?

Deuteronomy 6:4 Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God is one LORD: **Deuteronomy 6:5** And **thou** shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine **heart**, and with all thy **soul**, and with all thy **might**. **Deuteronomy 6:6** And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine **heart**: **Deuteronomy 6:7** And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.