

Luke 11:14-36

Pray & the Read 11:37-54

OBSERVATION

1. Why was the Pharisee shocked by Jesus (v. 38)?
2. What two kinds of cleanness and uncleanness did Jesus compare (v. 39-40)?
3. What were the Pharisees like on the outside (v. 39, 42-43)?
4. What were they like on the inside (v. 42-44)?
5. How did one of the lawyers (scribe/teacher of God's law) respond (v. 45)?
6. What things does Jesus accuse them of in v. 45-52?
7. In what way are they guilty of their ancestors' crimes (v. 48-51)? Did the scribes and Pharisees repent in light of Jesus' critique (v. 53-54)? What does it find upon its return (v. 25)? What does it do (v. 26)? What are the consequences (v. 26)?

INTERPRETATION

8. What is the lamp in v. 33 a picture of? What kind of sight and light is being described in v. 34 and v. 36? What does Jesus' statement in v. 35 mean?
9. What does it mean to "give as alms those things that are within" (v. 41)? How is that the opposite of what the Pharisees normally did?

10. What are the burdens that the lawyers put on people (v. 46)?

11. Why does Jesus blame the religious leaders for the death of the OT prophets?

12. What is the “key of knowledge” (v. 52)?

APPLICATION

13. Why is it so easy for people in leadership to tell others to do what they are not willing to do themselves (v. 46)? Where might that be a temptation for you?

14. Why is the human heart so prone to value external cleanness over internal cleanness? Which is easier? Which is more often rewarded by others? Where might you be tempted to make the same mistake? How can you guard against that temptation?

Share prayer requests and pray for each other. Pray