

MAJORING ON THE MINORS

MARK 7:1-23

WHAT MAKES US UNCLEAN BEFORE GOD?

■ Dissonance between our _____ and our _____.

Verse 6

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■ Exaltation of _____ over _____.

Verses 7-13

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Righteousness is

*Verses 14-23; see also Matthew 23; 1 Corinthians 6:9-10;
Galatians 5:19-21; Jeremiah 17:9; Matthew 5:3; Romans 7:24-25*

TRANSFORMED BY THE TRUTH

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION & DISCUSSION

1. Why do you think Jesus and the Pharisees didn't get along?
2. Read Mark 7:1-5. What lessons about how *not* to behave can you learn from the Pharisees in just these few verses?
3. Re-write Mark 7:6 in your own words. What evidence of dissonance between your religious habits and your heart can you find in your own life?
4. Read Mark 7:7-13. Can you think of any "traditions" you follow that might keep you from fully obeying God's commands?
5. Use the list given in Mark 7:21-22 as an outline for self-examination. How would you describe the condition of your heart? Which words in these verses pinpoint personal areas of uncleanness?
6. What do you think you must do to become more "clean" in God's eyes?