

## Glaring Hypocrisy

*Matthew 15:1-20*

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One of the most difficult things for an individual to do is to realistically see his \_\_\_\_\_ sin the same way God does. It is easy to set ourselves up to be the \_\_\_\_\_ and the jury when it comes to others, but to remain \_\_\_\_\_ to our own shortcomings. Hypocrisy often abounds in our \_\_\_\_\_.

### A. The Occasion

1. Healing ministry following John the Baptist's \_\_\_\_\_
  - a. Living and speaking righteously produces \_\_\_\_\_ friction.
  - b. Unashamed and \_\_\_\_\_ to speak the truth
2. Opposition of \_\_\_\_\_ had increased.
  - a. Confrontation by the Jewish \_\_\_\_\_ and Pharisees
  - b. The focus was on \_\_\_\_\_.

### B. The Attack

1. External observances \_\_\_\_\_ above God's Law
  - a. Minute \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. \_\_\_\_\_ of performing them
2. Handwashing
  - a. The disciples had not washed their hands \_\_\_\_\_ eating.
  - b. The concern was not \_\_\_\_\_, but ritual.
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ was involved.
    - (1). Rabbis declared that a \_\_\_\_\_ (Shibta) sat upon the hands of men as they slept.
    - (2). They taught \_\_\_\_\_ washing was necessary, or food would be \_\_\_\_\_ by the presence of the demon.

### C. The Confrontation with Truth

1. Which is most important, the traditions of \_\_\_\_\_ or the commandments of God?
  - a. Jesus pointed out one \_\_\_\_\_ of their hypocrisy.
  - b. They replaced their \_\_\_\_\_ obligation to care for their parents with a vow or gift to the \_\_\_\_\_, but were still able to enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_ of the gift while avoiding care of the parents.
2. The parable – vv. 10-11, 17-20
  - a. Physical externals should \_\_\_\_\_ trump moral internals.
  - b. Moral \_\_\_\_\_ comes from the heart.
  - c. The commandments, traditions, and \_\_\_\_\_ from man which are allowed to be on an \_\_\_\_\_ level or superior to God's Word are idolatry!
  - d. The flesh and the Spirit are always at \_\_\_\_\_ with one another!