

# sermonnotes

## Parables: Part 6



The parables are not just stories, but riddles to be unlocked and word pictures to help us gain understanding of the principles of God's Kingdom.

### Mark 7:14–15; 17–23

The key is found in what Jesus chooses to focus on. He brings our attention to the fact that it is what comes out from our hearts that defiles us.

God tells us in Proverbs 4:23 to *"guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life."* In Jeremiah 17:9 God tells us that *"the human heart is deceitful and desperately wicked."*

### What's inside will eventually come out.

- At times it is due to our \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- At times it is due to the \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- At times it is due to the \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_ and or \_\_\_\_\_ injury  
we experience.

### How do we change what is inside?

1. Experience \_\_\_\_\_  
(2 Corinthians 5:17 NLT)
  - God's Word declares that we become a new person. This truth is the catalyst for our transformation.
2. Live with a \_\_\_\_\_ (Philippians 4:8–9) NLT
  - As our hearts are being transformed, the things that could defile us will begin to surface. The Holy Spirit will act as a filter to keep our words and actions Christlike.
3. Thank God for \_\_\_\_\_ (Romans 5:1–2) NLT
  - We will mess up. In our humanity, things will come from within that defile us, but God's grace cleanses and redeems.
  - Grace is undeserved. It cannot be earned.

I am so thankful for a God who found me broken and unclean and still chose to send His Son to redeem me.

Answers: depraved nature; choices we make; emotional, mental, physical; transformation; filter; grace



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