

# ***The Gospel According to Mark Jesus. Servant. Master.***

## ***Lesson 27***

### **Read Mark 7:14 – 23**

**Introduction:** *The Lord desires that we would hear Him and understand what He is saying to us, concerning our inner most being. God knows what is in the heart of every man, woman and child. Jesus said in Mark 7:21 “for from within, out of the heart of man proceeds evil...” We would like to think that there is good within the heart of mankind and that his desire is not to be evil. There are many people today all over the world who are doing good things to help ‘better’ mankind. However from the very beginning man and woman, by their own freewill, chose to rebel against God. What Jesus is pointing out here; is from within the heart of every human being is the desire to do evil. Man is a sinner who needs a Savior. Jesus wanted the Pharisees, the scribes and His disciples to understand that He is the Messiah the Savior of the world. His plan is that we would recognize our own self-righteousness and realize we are all sinners who need redemption.*

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1. Read Mark 7:14 – 23 in the New Living Translation. What did Jesus make very clear in verse 15?
  - In verses 14 and 16 Jesus said to “*Hear Me*” and “*If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear!*” Jesus wanted the multitude to focus in on what He was saying. What insights do we learn from Proverbs 4:1 – 2 and 10 – 13?

- What did the Apostle Paul say concerning food and the kingdom of God according to Romans 14:14 – 17?
2. Apparently the disciples were having a difficult time understanding what Jesus was really talking about. Perhaps they were interpreting the dietary laws (Leviticus 11) where the Jews believed they could be clean before God because of what they refused to eat. Read Mark 7:17 – 19 in the New Living Translation. What did Jesus saying about food defiling you?
- According to Romans 14:1 – 8 and Colossians 2:13 – 17 since we're no longer living under the law what are some of the principles regarding Christian liberties we can now claim and why?
3. Jesus makes it clear in Mark 7:20 by adding, "*It is what comes from inside that defiles you*". Make a list of those things that will defile you according to Mark 7:21 – 23?

4. What did God say to Jeremiah concerning a man who trusts the Lord versus the true heart of a man in Jeremiah 17:7 – 10?