

# ***The Heart of the Matter***

PASTOR ZAC HESS • LUKE 11:37-54

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*While Jesus was speaking, a Pharisee asked Him to dine with him, so He went in and reclined at table.*

**Luke 11:37**

*The Pharisee was astonished to see that He did not first wash before dinner.*

**Luke 11:38**

*And the Lord said to him, “Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness.*

**Luke 11:39**

*You fools! Did not He who made the outside make the inside also?*

**Luke 11:40**

*But give as alms those things that are within, and behold,  
everything is clean for you.*

**Luke 11:41**

*“But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every herb, and neglect justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.”*

**Luke 11:42**

*Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the best seat in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces.*

**Luke 11:43**



*Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without knowing it.”*

**Luke 11:44**

*One of the lawyers answered Him, “Teacher, in saying these things You insult us also.”*

**Luke 11:45**

*And He said, “Woe to you lawyers also! For you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers.”*

**Luke 11:46**

*Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets whom your fathers killed.*

**Luke 11:47**

*So you are witnesses and you consent to the deeds of your fathers, for they killed them, and you build their tombs.*

**Luke 11:48**

*Therefore also the Wisdom of God said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute,'*

**Luke 11:49**

*so that the blood of all the prophets, shed from the foundation of the world, may be charged against this generation,*

**Luke 11:50**

*from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it will be required of this generation.*

**Luke 11:51**



*Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering.”*

**Luke 11:52**

*As He went away from there, the scribes and the Pharisees began to press Him hard and to provoke Him to speak about many things,*

**Luke 11:53**

*lying in wait for Him, to catch Him in something He might say.*

**Luke 11:54**

**True obedience is the result  
of a heart that trusts Jesus.**

True transformation is from  
the inside out. (11:37-41)

God sees through the hypocrisy  
of our lives. (11:42-44)

God sees through our misuse  
of the Word. (11:45–52)

True response will not  
reject Jesus. (11:53,54)



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