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1. Your souls are harmed by what you think and - - - . (vs15,16)
2. Your souls aren't harmed by what you - - - but by what comes out of your mouth. (vs15,16)
3. Jesus told the Syrophenician woman that He should first help His own people the - - - - . (vs27)
9. When the Syrophenician woman arrived - - - - the demon was gone from her daughter. (vs30)
10. Vile things that come from - - - - - pollute you and make you unfit for God. (vs23)
14. It is not perfectly alright to disregard your - - - - - when they are in need. (vs11)
15. Jesus tried to keep it a - - - - - that He had arrived at Tyre and Sidon. (vs24)
17. The man who had a speech impediment also had another problem. He was - - - - . (vs32)
18. Anyone who is not a Jew is called a Gentile and because of this the Syrophenician woman was - - - - - . (vs26)
20. Jesus touched the tongue of the man who had a speech impediment with - - - - . (vs33)
21. The Pharisees speak highly of God with their lips but they have no - - - - - for Him. (vs6,7)
22. Jesus left Galilee and went to the region of - - - - - and Sidon. (vs24)
24. The Pharisees broke the law of God in order to keep their - - - - - made tradition. (vs8,9)
26. What did Jesus tell the crowd not to spread ? (vs36)
27. The Pharisees ignored God's - - - - - and substituted them with their own traditions. (vs6,7)
30. What was the command Jesus spoke to heal the deaf man who had a speech impediment ? (vs34)
34. The disciples failed to follow Jewish - - - - - before eating. (vs2)
35. The news of the arrival of Jesus in Tyre and Sidon spread - - - - . (vs 24)
36. What was the name of the sea that Jesus went to after departing from Tyre and Sidon? (vs31)

4. The crowd said that everything Jesus does is - - - - - . (vs37)
5. The demon - - - - - the Syrophenician woman's little girl after she answered well the things that Jesus had spoken to her. (vs29)
6. The crowd were overcome with utter - - - - - over the works that Jesus did. (vs37)
7. The law from God given through Moses said that anyone who speaks against his father & mother must - - - (vs 10)
8. After Jesus prayed for the deaf man who had a speech impediment, he could - - - - - hear perfectly & speak plainly (vs35)
11. Jesus - - - - - the Syrophenician woman's little girl because she sought his help. (vs25-29)
12. Out of men's hearts come evil thoughts of - - - - , theft, murder & adultery. (vs21)
13. The Syrophenician woman said that even the dogs under the table are given some - - - - - from the children's plates. (vs33)
16. What did Jesus put in the deaf man's ears? - - - - - (vs33)
17. The little girl was possessed by a - - - - - . (vs25)
19. What prophet described the Pharisees very well? - - - - - (vs 6,7)
21. The Jews carried out many - - - - - & regulations. (vs 4)
22. How many towns did Jesus pass on his way to the sea of Galilee? (vs10)
23. Whose laws did the Pharisees reject for the sake of tradition? (vs 9)
25. Moses gave this law from God: " - - - - - your father & mother". (vs10)
28. The Syrophenician woman pled with Jesus to release her child from the demon's - - - - - (vs26)
29. The crowd spread the news about - - - - - even more although He warned them not to. (vs36)
31. The disciples failed to perform the washing ceremony before - - - - - (vs 2)
32. The Pharisees claimed that God commands people to obey their petty - - - - - (vs6,7)
33. Jesus told the Syrophenician woman that it's not right to throw the children's food to who? (vs27)
35. The woman whose young daughter had an unclean spirit came & fell at Jesus' - - - - - (vs25)

## CHAPTER 7

### God's commandments count

One day some Jewish religious leaders arrived from Jerusalem to investigate him,<sup>2</sup> and noticed that some of his disciples failed to follow the usual Jewish rituals before eating.<sup>3</sup> (For the Jews, especially the Pharisees, will never eat until they have sprinkled their arms to the elbows, as required by their ancient traditions.<sup>4</sup> So when they come home from the market they must always sprinkle themselves in this way before touching any food. This is but one of many examples of laws and regulations they have clung to for centuries, and still follow, such as their ceremony of-cleansing for pots, pans and dishes.)

### Wash your hands before you eat?

<sup>5</sup>So the religious leaders asked him, "Why don't your disciples follow our age-old customs? For they eat without first performing the washing ceremony."

<sup>6,7</sup>Jesus replied, "You bunch of hypocrites! Isaiah the prophet described you very well when he said, 'These people speak very prettily about the Lord but they have no love for him at all. Their worship is a farce, for they claim that God commands the people to obey their petty rules.' How right Isaiah was! <sup>8</sup>For you ignore God's specific orders and substitute your own traditions. <sup>9</sup>You are simply rejecting God's laws and trampling them under your feet for the sake of tradition.

<sup>10</sup>For instance, Moses gave you this law from God: 'Honor your father and mother.' And he said that anyone who speaks against his father or mother must die. <sup>11</sup>But you say it is perfectly all right for a man to disregard his needy parents, telling them, 'Sorry, I can't help you! For I have given to God what I could have given to you.'<sup>12,13</sup> And so you break the law of God in order to protect your man-made tradition. And this is only one example. There are many, many others."



**7:6** Hypocrite (HIP-uh-krit) is someone who pretends to be something he is not. He may pretend to be good or to love God when he really only loves himself and his own interests. He is "play-acting" his religion. Jesus called the Pharisees hypocrites because they wanted their religion to be noticed, and they would not listen to God.

### What you think and say matters

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus called to the crowd to come and hear. "All of you listen," he said, "and try to understand. <sup>15,16</sup>Your souls aren't harmed by what you eat, but by what you think and say!"

<sup>17</sup>Then he went into a house to get away from the crowds, and his disciples asked him what he meant by the statement he had just made.

<sup>18</sup>"Don't you understand either?" he asked. "Can't you see that what you eat won't harm your soul? <sup>19</sup>For food doesn't come in contact with your heart, but only passes through the digestive system." (By saying this he showed that every kind of food is kosher.)

<sup>20</sup>And then he added, "It is the thought-life that pollutes. <sup>21</sup>For from within, out of men's hearts, come evil thoughts of lust, theft, murder, adultery, <sup>22</sup>wanting what belongs to others, wickedness, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, pride, and all other folly. <sup>23</sup>All these vile things come from within; they are what pollute you and make you unfit for God."

### Jesus heals many people

<sup>24</sup>Then he left Galilee and went to the region of Tyre and Sidon, and tried to keep it a secret that he was there, but couldn't. For as usual the news of his arrival spread fast.

<sup>25</sup>Right away a woman came to him whose little girl was possessed by a demon. She had heard about Jesus and now she came and fell at his feet, <sup>26</sup>and pled with him to release her child from the demon's control. (But she was Syrophenician—a "despised Gentile!")

<sup>27</sup>Jesus told her, "First I should help my own family—the Jews. It isn't right to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs."

<sup>28</sup>She replied, "That's true, sir, but even the puppies under the table are given some scraps from the children's plates."

<sup>29</sup>"Good!" he said, "You have answered well—so well that I have healed your little girl. Go on home, for the demon has left her!"

<sup>30</sup>And when she arrived home, her little girl was lying quietly in bed, and the demon was gone.

<sup>31</sup>From Tyre he went to Sidon, then back to the Sea of Galilee by way of the Ten

Towns. <sup>32</sup>A deaf man with a speech impediment was brought to him, and everyone begged Jesus to lay his hands on the man and heal him.

<sup>33</sup>Jesus led him away from the crowd and put his fingers into the man's ears, then spat and touched the man's tongue with the spittle. <sup>34</sup>Then, looking up to heaven, he sighed and commanded, "Open!" <sup>35</sup>Instantly the man could hear perfectly and speak plainly!

<sup>36</sup>Jesus told the crowd not to spread the news, but the more he forbade them, the more they made it known, <sup>37</sup>for they were overcome with utter amazement. Again and again they said, "Everything he does is wonderful; he even corrects deafness and stammering!"