

“Is Cleanliness Next To Godliness?”

Lesson Text: **2 Corinthians 7:1.** Many Think This Statement Is In The Bible...

I. The Jews Of Jesus’ Day Held This Misconception.

- The Problem: **Mark 7:1-7.**
- Jesus’ Answer: **Mark 7:14-23.**
- Why They May Have Thought So:
 - **Leviticus 15:1-33.**
 - **Leviticus 16:3-5.**
- Jesus’ Later Criticisms: **Matthew 23:25-26.**
- Peter’s Words About Baptism: **1 Peter 3:20-21.**

II. In What Ways Can We Be Made Clean?

- By Obeying The Gospel- **1 Corinthians 6:9-11; Revelation 1:5; Acts 22:16.**
- By God’s Word. **John 15:3; Psalm 119:9-11; Ephesians 5:25-27.**
- By Repentance & Prayer- **Isaiah 1:16-18; Psalm 51:7; Acts 8:22-24.**
- By Walking In The Light. **1 John 1:7.**
- By Confessing Our Sins To Christ. **1 John 1:8-9.**
- By Not Touching What Is Unclean. **2 Corinthians 6:17-18.**
- By Following The Teaching Of God’s Grace- **Titus 2:11-12.**

III. The Challenge To Live An Undefiled Life.

- Sin And Defilements All Around Us. **2 Peter 1:4.**
 - Crimes Such As Theft, Murder, Violence, & Drug Trafficking Dominant The News....
 - Corrupt Speech, Anger, Wrath, Lying, Deceit, Envy, & Covetousness.
- Peer Pressure Is A Strong Temptation To Corruption. **1 Corinthians 15:33 (NASB).**
- Social Media And The Internet Must Be Used With Caution.
 - The Danger Of Pollution Influencing Us To Sin. **Proverbs 22:3-5.**
 - We Must Be On The Alert To The Danger! **1 Peter 5:8-9.**
- We Must Trust In God’s Promises- **2 Corinthians 7:1.**