

**STUDIES IN THE GOSPEL OF LUKE**  
**Luke 11: 37-54**  
**“CLEAN FROM THE INSIDE OUT”**

**I. OUR FAITH IS NOT HELPED BY MEANINGLESS RULES (Luke 11:36-39)**

A. External rituals cannot change corrupt hearts

**II. THE LORD IS ALWAYS LOOKING ON THE HEART FIRST (Luke 11:40-41)**

A. The gifts we give should reflect the attitude of the heart

1. 1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 16:7

**III. TITHING CANNOT BE SUBSTITUTED FOR LOVE AND JUSTICE (Luke 11:42-44)**

A. Gen. 14:20; Deut. 14:22-28; Lev. 27:31

**Micah 6:8 (NKJV)**

**<sup>8</sup> He has shown you, O man, what *is* good; And what does the Lord require of you But to do justly, To love mercy, And to walk humbly with your God?**

**B. Amos 5:12-24**

**IV. RELIGION KEEPS MANY PEOPLE FROM HAVING A RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST (Luke 11:45-54)**

A. All false religions share the same condemnation from the Lord (v.45-51)

B. We should never impose burdens on others that we are not willing to do ourselves

1. Acts 15:6-11

C. Holding on to your religion will increase your hostility towards Jesus Christ (v.52-54)

**IF OUR HEARTS ARE NOT CLEAN, OUR HANDS WILL ALWAYS BE DIRTY!**

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