



Luke 11

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Matthew 6:1, 5

You contaminate others with legalism. *Luke 11:44-46*

You reject the messenger because you don’t like the message. *Luke 11:47-52*

2 Timothy 3:1-5

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What’s your aim?

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“The number one cause of atheism is Christians. Those who proclaim God with their mouths and deny Him with their lifestyles is what an unbelieving world finds simply unbelievable.” -Christianity Today, 2001

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Visitors welcome, Members expected.
Every Member a Minister.

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There's a little Pharisee in all of us. Harmful though it is, we find a lot of security in our iron bars and solid walls, in all our religious rules and regulations. Tragically, this ball-and-chain mentality keeps us from giving ourselves in fresh, innovative ways to others.

- Charles R. Swindoll.

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Luke 11:37-42 NIV When Jesus had finished speaking, a Pharisee invited Him to eat with him; so He went in and reclined at the table.³⁸ But the Pharisee was surprised when he noticed that Jesus did not first wash before the meal. ³⁹ Then the Lord said to him, "Now then, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. ⁴⁰ You foolish people! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also?⁴¹ But now as for what is inside you—be generous to the poor, and everything will be clean for you. ⁴² "Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone.

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Luke 11:43 NIV "Woe to you Pharisees, because you love the most important seats in the synagogues and respectful greetings in the marketplaces.

If your aim is to please yourself, You seek the attention of others.

Matthew 6:1 NLT Watch out! Don't do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others, for you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven.

Matthew 6:5 NLT When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get.

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Luke 11:44-46 NIV “Woe to you, because you are like unmarked graves, which people walk over without knowing it.”⁴⁵ One of the experts in the law answered Him, “Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us also.”⁴⁶ Jesus replied, “And you experts in the law, woe to you, because you load people down with burdens they can hardly carry, and you yourselves will not lift one finger to help them.

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Luke 11:47-52 NIV “Woe to you, because you build tombs for the prophets, and it was your ancestors who killed them.⁴⁸ So you testify that you approve of what your ancestors did; they killed the prophets, and you build their tombs.⁴⁹ Because of this, God in His wisdom said, ‘I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and others they will persecute.’⁵⁰ Therefore this generation will be held responsible for the blood of all the prophets that has been shed since the beginning of the world,⁵¹ from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, this generation will be held responsible for it all.⁵² “Woe to you experts in the law, because you have taken away the key to knowledge. You yourselves have not entered, and you have hindered those who were entering.”

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2 Timothy 3:1-5 NLT You should know this, Timothy, that in the last days there will be very difficult times.² For people will love only themselves and their money. They will be boastful and proud, scoffing at God, disobedient to their parents, and ungrateful. They will consider nothing sacred.³ They will be unloving and unforgiving; they will slander others and have no self-control. They will be cruel and hate what is good.⁴ They will betray their friends, be reckless, be puffed up with pride, and love pleasure rather than God.⁵ They will act religious, but they will reject the power that could make them godly. Stay away from people like that!

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