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## Luke 11

**37** 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. **43** “Woe to you Pharisees, because you love the most important seats in the synagogues and respectful greetings in the marketplaces. **44** “Woe to you, because you are like unmarked graves, which people walk over without knowing it.”



## Questions for Discussion

1. Read Luke 11:37-54.
2. Why is Jesus so hard on the Pharisees?
3. How might Christians today act like Pharisees?
4. What values does Jesus hold up as most important in this passage?
5. What's the difference between the practice of religion and a living faith?
6. When did you learn the difference?
7. What should Christians do to avoid legalism and hypocrisy?

Take time to pray for one another.