

SERMON OUTLINE

**SERMON TITLE:
THREE REQUIREMENTS
OF JESUS' DISCIPLES**

**SCRIPTURE TEXT:
MATTHEW 15:1-39**

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Introduction

Jesus makes 3 requirements of His disciples to live the life of the kingdom.

1. His Disciples Must Make God's Word Their Supreme Authority.

a. The Pharisees Charge Against Jesus' Disciples. Vv1-2

"Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don't wash their hands before they eat!"

b. Jesus Counter Charges Against the Pharisees. Vv3-9

"And why do you break the command of God for the sake of your tradition?"

Application: We Must Make God's Word Our Supreme Authority.

- We must not let tradition be above but serve God's Word.
- We must not let human reason and experience supplant God's Word.
- We must not let our personal interpretation supplant God's Word.

2. His Disciples Must Live Righteously From The Heart.

a. Jesus Warns the Crowd against the Pharisees' Teaching. Vv 10-11

"What goes into a man's mouth does not make him 'unclean' but what comes out of his mouth, that is what makes him 'unclean'."

b. The Disciples Warn Jesus that the Pharisees Were Offended. Vv 12-14

"Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this?"

c. Jesus Explains the Place of the Heart in Spiritual Purity. Vv 15-20

"For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false testimony, slander. These are what make a man 'unclean'."

Application: We Must Live Righteously From The Heart.

- We must begin our external behavior from the internal, from the heart.
- We must be transformed by the power of the God's Spirit.
- We must live out our transformed life in the community of God's people.
- We must obey God from the heart.
- We must overcome our hardened hearts.