## From the Pastor's Desk.....

As He was speaking, a Pharisee asked Him to dine with him. So He went in and reclined at the table. When the Pharisee saw this, he was amazed that He did not first perform the ritual washing before dinner. But the Lord said to him:

Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and evil. Fools! Didn't He who made the outside make the inside too?

Luke 11:37-40 HCSB

Hello family,

Wow, what a lesson we can learn from what the Lord Jesus said to the Pharisee!

We can put on our best outside appearance, our best smile, say the right things, go through all manner of motions, playing church, playing Christians, but God Almighty, the One who created us knows the real us.

He doesn't want us to just go through the motions faking our way through everything so people think that we are more righteous and holy than we truly are.

When we do this we are showing that we have either forgotten or have chosen to ignore the fact that God wants us to serve Him sincerely with a genuine heart of reverent love and appreciation.

He deserves that from us in every area of our lives all the time.

This morning as we prepare to partake of the elements in The Lord's Supper let's make sure that we let Him examine our hearts. Let's make sure to confess our sins to Him, receive His forgiveness, and partake of the elements, humbly and thankfully in remembrance of Him.

Let's also be mindful to truly get to know the Lord more all the time, spending time with Him, talking to Him, reading His word regularly, applying what He teaches us, sharing what we are learning with others, showing Him our love and appreciation all the time. In Christ's love.

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