

## Clean up right

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*The Pharisees and some of the teachers of the law who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus and saw some of his disciples eating food with hands that were “unclean,” that is, unwashed. (The Pharisees and all the Jews do not eat unless they give their hands a ceremonial washing, holding to the tradition of the elders. When they come from the marketplace they do not eat unless they wash. And they observe many other traditions, such as the washing of cups, pitchers and kettles.) So the Pharisees and teachers of the law asked Jesus, “Why don’t your disciples live according to the tradition of the elders instead of eating their food with ‘unclean’ hands?”*

*He replied, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it is written: “‘These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.’ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men...”*

*...Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. **Nothing outside a man can make him ‘unclean’ by going into him. Rather, it is what comes out of a man that makes him ‘unclean.’**”*

*After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. “Are you so dull?” he asked. “Don’t you see that nothing that enters a man from the outside can make him ‘unclean’? For it doesn’t go into his heart but into his stomach, and then out of his body.” (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods “clean.”)*

***He went on: “What comes out of a man is what makes him ‘unclean.’ For from within, out of men’s hearts, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. All these evils come from inside and make a man ‘unclean.’”***

### 1. Stop trying to clean yourself v15, 21-23



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### 2. Be cleaned by me

*John 13.8-9: “No”, said Peter, “you shall never wash my feet.” Jesus answered, “Unless I wash you, you have no part in me.” “Then, Lord,” Simon Peter replied, “not just my feet, but my hands and my head as well!”*



### 3. Stay cleaned by me

*John 15.3-4: You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. Remain in me, and I will remain in you., No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.*

