

# SERMON APPLICATION SHEET FOR:

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We Have A Heart Problem

Matthew 15:10-20

September 6, 2026

| Sermon Text                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Sermon Notes                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| <p><b>Matthew 15:10</b> And he called the people to him and said to them, "Hear and understand: [11] it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person." [12] Then the disciples came and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?" [13] He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be rooted up. [14] Let them alone; they are blind guides. And if the blind lead the blind, both will fall into a pit." [15] But Peter said to him, "Explain the parable to us." [16] And he said, "Are you also still without understanding? [17] Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is expelled? [18] But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this defiles a person. [19] For out of the heart come evil thoughts, murder, adultery, sexual immorality, theft, false witness, slander. [20] These are what defile a person. But to eat with unwashed hands does not defile anyone."</p> | <p><b><i>Our greatest problem is not what is around us, but what is within us.</i></b></p> <p><b>I. Defilement does not come from outside us (vv. 10–11)</b></p> <p><b>II. Blind religion cannot cure what is inside us (vv. 12–14)</b></p> <p><b>III. Sin flows from the heart within us (vv. 15–20)</b></p> <p><b>IV. We need God to give us a new heart</b></p> <p><b>Memory verses for 2025-</b></p> <p>Matthew 7:24-25</p> <p>[24] Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock.</p> <p>[25] And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock.</p> |

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| Sermon Application Questions                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Prayer Requests                                 |
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| 1. <b>Jesus teaches that our sin comes from within our own hearts rather than primarily from the circumstances around us.</b> Where are you most tempted to blame other people or circumstances for your sinful responses?                | This week our family will lift up requests for: |
| 2. <b>The Pharisees focused on outward cleanliness while remaining blind to the condition of their hearts.</b> What are some ways Christians today can focus on outward religious behavior while neglecting the heart?                    |                                                 |
| 3. <b>Jesus' teaching in verses 18–20 illustrates the doctrine of total depravity—that sin affects every part of us.</b> How should this truth affect the way we view ourselves, our need for grace, and our dependence upon Christ?      | This week our family will praise the Lord for:  |
| 4. <b>God promises, “I will give you a new heart” (Ezek. 36:26).</b> How does understanding regeneration as God's work—not merely our attempt at self-improvement—change the way we think about conversion and the Christian life?        |                                                 |
| 5. <b>For the Christian, sin remains but no longer reigns.</b> Where do you presently see the battle with remaining sin in your own life, and how can you more deliberately “put to death” that sin by the power of the Spirit this week? | HFG Notes & Actions:                            |
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