



**The Pretenders and The Pure**

7.16.23

**Mark 7.1-30**

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**Notes**

1. The Pretenders (7.1-23)

2. The Pure (7.24-30)

## 1) Weekday Application Questions

- a) **EQUIP** — What are some of the most convicting verses in the Bible for you? Do you sometimes create ways to excuse yourself from obeying those verses, perhaps by employing some work-around or a fanciful interpretation? On the other hand, what human-made rules have you given the same authority as God's Word?
- b) **ENGAGE** — Christians can easily become like the Pharisees when they worry that contact with unbelievers may leave them "unclean." Identify how this wrong thinking has prevented you from ENGAGING various people with the Gospel.
- c) **EXALT** — Do you have any tendencies toward legalism? Do you have tendencies toward hypocrisy? How would you recognize such tendencies in yourself? How does God enable you to battle against them?
- d) **Here is your "One Thing" for this week:** Jesus focuses on inner purity rather than external ritual. Perform a "heart check" and ask God to identify the areas in your life that are defiled and need purification through the Gospel.