

Living in a Clean House

Mark 11: 12-19

Can God live in a dirty house?

A cluttered house or a cluttered office, can prevent you from being productive or even enjoying your life.

Your Body is God's Temple – 1 Corinthians 6:19-20

You are not your own; you were bought at a price. Therefore, honor God with your bodies.

Paul illustrates the concept that the Holy Spirit (God) does not live in the temple, instead the Holy Spirit lives in us.

The Hypocritical Fig Tree – Mark 11:12-14

- If it was not the season for Figs, what did the tree do wrong?
- Since the tree had leaves, Jesus expected the tree to have fruit.
- The outward appearance did not represent the attitude of the heart in the people of Israel. (specifically, the pharisees.)
- You can follow all the rituals of your church, but if you do not have faith, you will not have fruit.
- James 2: 19 "...Show me your faith without deeds, and I will show you my faith by my deeds."

Robbing the People in God's Name – Mark 11:15-17

- One of the most misunderstood passages.
- The problem was not that people were selling items in the temple courts. The problem was that the people (the poor) were being taken advantage of.
- The priest would only allow the dove being sold inside the temple courts to be considered pure to be allowed to be sacrificed. Therefore, the dove were sold at higher prices.
- Jesus called the religious leaders out as corrupt.
 1. he messed with their profit margin.
 2. he embarrassed them in front of the people.
- The temple leaders had become an obstacle to worship.

Galatians 5:22-23 provides us the knowledge with the type of fruit provided by faith.

Questions to Consider

How does changing the dwelling place of God from a building to your heart make Christianity different?

What are sins that can cause damage to the body? (either directly or indirectly)

What are some sins that tend to clutter your Life?

How can the church take advantage of people?

How can the church become an obstacle to worship?

What fruit (actions or attitudes) do people (you) produce that illustrates their (your) faith?