

**I. SETTING: JERUSALEM VS. GALILEE** (Mk.6:53; 7:1f; see 7:1f,14f; yet Mk.7:3; Lk.11:37f)

**II. APPARENT ISSUE: DIRTY HANDS**

**A. LIFE: UNCLEAN** (ceremonial; Lev.15:11)

**B. WORSHIP: UNHOLY** (priestly; Ex.30:19f)

**C. GOVERNMENT: UNJUST** (legal; Dt.21:6; Mt.27:24)

**D. SUMMARY: SIGN** (Gen.20:5; Dt.11:18; 15:7; Ps.24:4; 73:13; see Rom.2:25f)

**E. HYPOCRISY: CLEAN/DIRTY** (Mk.7:6; 3/12; see Mt.23:25f)

**F. DEADLY ERROR: IDOLATROUS EXCHANGE INTO IMMORAL SUBSTITUTION**

(Mt.15:2,3; Mk.7:8,9; 10; see Rom.1:23,24f)

**III. REAL ISSUE: DIRTY HEARTS** (Mk.7:21-23; Mt.15:18-20; see Ex.20:1f,17; Rom.7:7; see Prv.4:23)

**A. HYPOCRISY: CLEAN HANDS/DIRTY HEARTS** (Mk.7:6; 3/12; see Mt.23:25f)

**B. UGLY REASONINGS** (Mk.7:21/9; see Mt.15:19; 9:4; Gen.6:5; Dt.15:9; Ps.64:6; Lk.1:51)

**C. WICKED DEEDS** (Mk.7:21a; see Mt.15:19)

**D. EVIL DISPOSITIONS** (Mk.7:21b)

**IV. REMEDY: WASH YOUR HEART!** (Mt.15:20,1f; see 23:26; Jer.4:14,4; Ps.73:1; Mt.5:8; 1Tm.1:5; 2Tm.2:22; see Jn.3:3f; 1Pt.1:3,23)

**A. GRACE** (Ps.51:10; Heb.10:22; Ezk.11:19; 36:26; see 2Cor.4:16; Rom.12:2; Jn.13:10)

**B. FAITH** (Acts 15:9)

**C. CHRIST** (Heb.9:14; 1Jn.1:7)

**D. SPIRIT** (Ps.51:10,11; 1Cor.6:11; Tt.3:5; see Rom.2:29; Jer.4:4,14)

**E. WORD** (Mk.7:8,9; 1Tm.1:5; Ps.119:9,140; Heb.4:12; 1Pt.1:22f; 2:1,2)

**F. PRAYER** (Ps.139:23,24; see 1Tm.4:5)

**G. CHURCH** (i.e., baptism, Acts 22:16; 2:38; 1Cor.12:13; see Mt.26:28)

**H. WORKS** (Ezk.18:31(Phil.2:12,13); Jer.4:14; Ps.24:4; Mt.23:26; Jn.13:10; 2Tm.2:22; Jms.4:8 /Col.3:9,10; 3:5f; 3:12f)

**V. DIRECTIONS FOR FAITH & LIFE**

**A. WASH YOUR HANDS FOR HEALTH, YOUR HEART FOR SALVATION** (Mt.15:20,1f; Mk.7:1-23; see Jer.4:14; 1Tm.4:1-5)

**B. EAT ANYTHING WITH ANYONE TO SEEK THEIR SALVATION** (Dt.14:2-21; Mk.7:19; Acts 10:15; 11:9; 15:9; see Mt.9:10f; Rom.14:14; 1Cor.9:22,23; 1Tm.4:1-5)

**C. HATE HYPOCRISY: SEEK TO BE FAITHFUL, NOT JUST TO LOOK GOOD** (Mk.7:6,1f; Lk.11:37f; 12:1f; see Mt.6:3f; Rom.2:25)

**D. HATE HYPOCRISY BECAUSE IT BEGINS WITH IDOLATRY AGAINST GOD AND ENDS WITH IMMORALITY AGAINST MAN** (Mk.7:6-13; 21,22; see Rom.1:21f; see Mt.22:37f)

**E. DEFEND YOURSELF FROM THE COMMANDMENTS OF MEN BY DEVOTING YOURSELF TO THE WORD OF GOD** (Mk.7:8,9; see Ps.119:9,140; Acts 5:29; Col.2:8f,22f; 16f; 2Th.2:10; 1Tm.1:5; 4:1-5; 2Tm.3:14f; Heb.2:1f; 5:11f; 1Pt.1:22f)

*Brethren, what shall WE DO?* (see Acts 2:37f)