

Christian-ish?

Week 2: When Religion Replaces Relationship

Scripture: Matthew 23:25–28 “Woe to you... You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence...”

1. Clean on the Outside, Corrupt on the Inside

- Jesus isn't impressed with _____ exteriors that hides _____ interiors.
- We often manage our _____ image, but neglect our _____ sins.
- God sees what _____—and that's what matters most.

2: Religion Can Be a Mask for Rebellion

- Religious activity can _____ spiritual apathy.
- Jesus warns: you can _____ reverence and still reject _____.
- We often use rules to avoid _____—performing but not _____.

3: True Relationship Changes the Inside First

- God wants to deal with your _____ life first—your _____, _____, and _____.
- When the _____ is clean, the _____ will follow.
- Relationship with Jesus is the _____—not the _____ touch.

R.A.P. Challenge (Reflect – Act – Pray)

Reflect: Where am I maintaining religious appearance but neglecting relationship with Jesus?

Act: Choose one area where you've been acting “Christian-ish” and open it to God's cleansing work.

Pray: “Jesus, I don't want a fake faith. Clean me from the inside out. Start with my heart.”