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Where can we find answers to our Spiritual questions and are there questions to avoid?

What can we learn from II Tim 3:16-17?

Why should we study? (II Tim 2:15),(I Peter 3:15)

What kinds of questions should we avoid?
II Tim 2:16, II Tim 2:23

How should we answer others questions?
II Tim 2:22-26

Which of the Following are Vain Questions and which questions are not?

- A. When should we take the Lord's Supper?
- B. What is the importance of Baptism?
- C. Did Adam and Eve have a belly Button?
- D. What is the importance of Faith?
- E. Where did Cain get his wife?

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A Study of Matthew

Matthew 15:1-39

Lesson 14

Assignment for next Week — Read Matthew 16:1-17:27

Memory Verse — Matthew 15:8-9

In Matthew chapter 15 many lessons are emphasized by the life, actions, and words of Christ. We read of warnings against tradition, the importance of our attitude(heart), the value of faith, and we see the great power of our Lord. The basics of the gospel are that God demands us to serve him as he has prescribed and we must do this with the right attitude and by faith.

The Pharisees by their tradition had made law that which God had never prescribed and this was wrong. We too must be careful that we do not bind where God has not bound and that we do not twist His words to serve ourselves. We should be reading God's word with the attitude of "Lord, thy servant heareth". We should be reading to want to know what God's will is and to make sure that we are doing it.

The Pharisees had set out to use law as they felt would benefited them most. They had went as far in some instances as to say they could not help their parents because what they could have used to helped their parents they had given to God. Do we ever violate God's will by saying we are doing it? Do we ever seek to justify something that is wrong by using God's word? All these questions go back to an attitude or heart problem. If our hearts desire is to serve God, then what ever his will is we will want to do it when we hear it. The very next thing that Jesus goes on to stress is that a man's heart will have a great effect on his actions and it is his actions

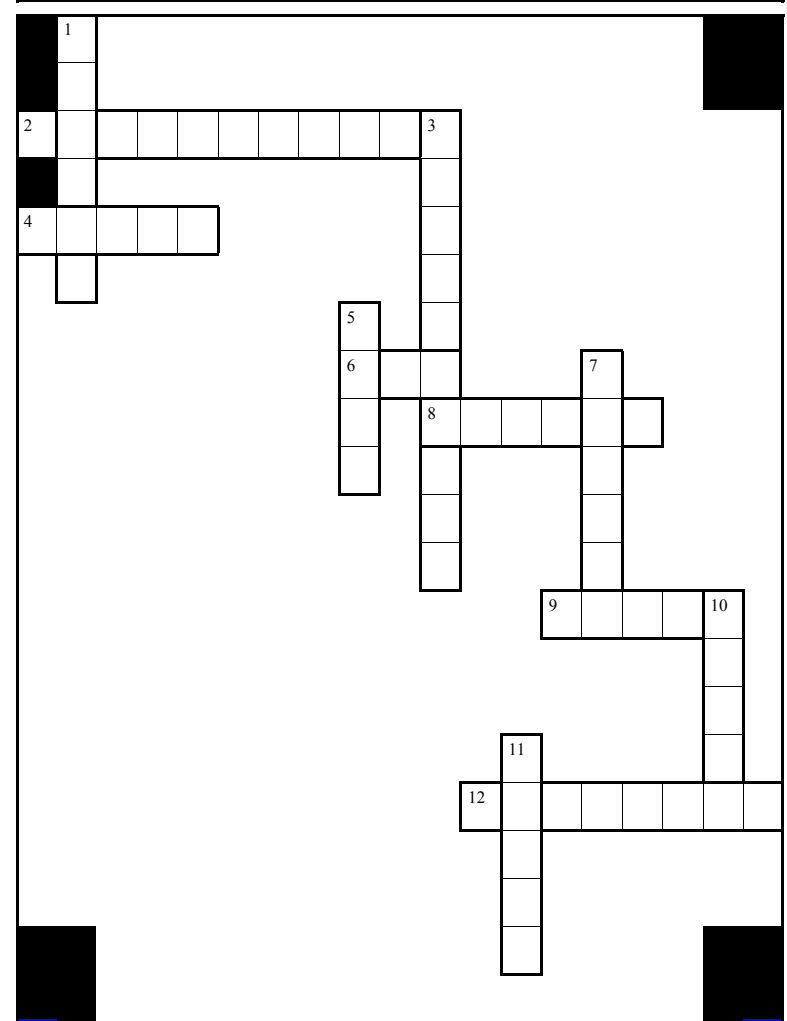
that show the nature of his heart.

How is your heart? Do you have a healthy heart? What kind of things come out of your mouth? Do you use curse words? Or do you encourage others? Do you bear false witness? Or do you tell the truth? Would you want Jesus with you during your conversations at home, school, or work? These are very serious questions and the answers to these questions show the health of your heart. If we have a heart problem the best cure is to feed on the good word. If we have a heart problem we need to seek to fill our lives with those things that are pure. We need to think on the things mentioned in Philippians 4:8, "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." If we will think on those things and read God's word and in prayer ask God's help in overcoming -- our heart can improve and become what God would want it to be. The only thing stopping one from having the kind of heart God would want him to is self.

Another point that we see again is the importance of faith. Once again we see a gentile come to Jesus and demonstrate their great faith. We need to make sure that what ever we do it is done by faith. Paul wrote in Romans 14:23 that whatsoever is not of faith is sin. In this chapter both the importance of faith and following the right example is taught. In dealing with following the right example Jesus taught that if the blind follow the blind they will both fall in the ditch. Many follow error and have not sought the truth for themselves, we need to be those who know the truth and are sure that we are following the truth. It is important that we own our faith. We know that faith cometh by hearing and hearing by the word of God (Romans 10:17); therefore, if we are going to grow in faith

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Answer the Questions on Page
to fill in the Puzzle.



Cross Word Fun for Learning

Across

2. Jesus asked the Pharisees why they broke God's _____ by their tradition.(15:3)
4. Jesus fed the multitude with _____ loaves and a few small fishes.(15:36)
6. "Not that which goeth into the mouth defileth a man; but that which cometh _____ of the mouth that defileth a man."(15:11)
8. Jesus told the Canaanite woman that he was sent unto the lost sheep of the house of _____.(15:24)
9. "This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouths and honoreth me with their lips; but their _____ is far from me. (15:8)
12. A woman from Canaan came and asked Jesus to heal her _____.(15:22)

Down

1. Every plant that God has not planted will be _____ up. (15:13)
3. The disciples were accused of breaking the _____ of the elders.(15:2)
5. Jesus fed _____ thousand men besides women and children.(15:38)
7. But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart and they _____ the man.(15:18)
10. The people had been with Jesus for ___ days.(15:32)
11. Jesus granted the Canaanite woman's request because of her _____(15:28)

Lesson 13 - Across - 3.Faith, 5.Thousands, 6. Touched,

8. John, 9. Birthday - Down - 1. Walked, 2. Ghost,

4. Son, 5. Twelve, 6. Thanks, 7. Dessert, 10. Head

we need to study God's word. We also see the importance of faith in that it was by the Canaanite woman's faith that her request was granted. "But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him."(Hebrews 11:6)

Fill In the Scripture

(Col 2:6-8) As ye have therefore _____ Christ Jesus the Lord, so _____ ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and established in the _____, as ye have been _____, abounding therein with _____. Beware lest any man spoil you through _____ and vain deceit, after the _____ of men, after the rudiments of the _____, and not after _____.

Match the verse with the Event

Scriptures from Matthew

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| a.15:1-2 | b.15:3-6 | c.15:7-9 |
| d.15:11 | e.15:13 | f.15:14 |
| g.15:15-20 | h.15:21-28 | i.15:33-38 |

_____ 1. Every plant which the father has not planted will be uprooted.

_____ 2. Isaiah is quoted, "This people honors me with their lips, but their heart is far from me. They worship me in vain, teaching for doctrines the commandments of men."

_____ 3. The disciples are accused of breaking the traditions of the elders because they ate with unwashed hands.

_____ 4. Jesus fed 4000 men with seven loaves and a few small fish.

_____ 5. Jesus explained what he meant when he said only that which cometh out of a man defiles him, because from the

heart man speaketh.

_____ 6. Jesus said, it is not that which entereth into a man that defiles him, but that which comes out.

_____ 7. Jesus asked the Pharisees and Scribes why they broke the law by allowing one to not help their parents by saying what they could have used to help their parents they had given to God.

_____ 8. If the Blind lead the Blind they both fall in the ditch.

_____ 9. A Canaanite woman with great faith asked Jesus to heal her daughter.

Questions

1. What did the Pharisees and scribes accuse Jesus disciples of doing? Why did they say it was wrong?
2. How did Jesus point out the wrongness of the Pharisees and scribes? What was his example?
3. What did Isaiah mean when he said, "This people honors me with their lips but their heart is far from me"? And by "They worship me in vain teaching for doctrines the commandments of men"?
4. What can we learn by Jesus words, "If the blind lead the blind they both fall into the ditch"?
5. What did Jesus mean when he said that it was not what entered a man that defiled him, but that which came out of the man?
6. What reason did Jesus give the Canaanite woman for why he would not heal her daughter? What was the woman's response? What was Christ's response? What reason did the woman give that Jesus should grant her request? Why did Jesus heal her daughter?
7. How many people did Jesus feed with seven loaves and a few small fishes?
8. How many basketfuls of food did the disciples take up after the people had been fed?