



Hosted by Hypocrites • Part 2

Lesson 7 • Luke 11:37-54

What Is the Big Idea of Luke 11:37-54?

*Hypocrisy is a deceptively **DEADLY** dish that locks the **DOOR** to dining with Jesus in His coming kingdom!*

The INVITATION: *The Pharisee as the Host Inspects Jesus' **HANDS!***

*"Now when He had spoken, a Pharisee asked Him to have lunch with him; and He went in, and reclined at the table. **When the Pharisee saw it**, he was **surprised** that He had not first ceremonially washed before the meal." (11:37-38)*

The INSPECTION: *Jesus Who Is the Lord Inspects Their **HEARTS!***

*"**But the Lord said to him**, 'Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the platter; but inside of you, you are full of robbery and wickedness. You foolish ones, did not He who made the outside make the inside also? But give that which is within as charity, and then all things are clean for you*

*External holiness **WITHOUT** internal holiness is hypocritical!*

1. Three Woes for Pharisaical **LEGALISTS: You Are Hypocritical Rule-Keeper!** (11:42-44)

1st Woe: You are **HEARTLESS** Givers and People **HATERS!** (v. 42)

- You major on the minors and miss out on both.

The Lord Jesus: "Repent before it's too late!"

2nd Woe: You are Glory **STEALERS** and People **USERS!** (v. 43)

- You're so focused on getting the glory you forget to give God the glory He deserves.

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3rd Woe: You are Tomb **DECEIVERS** and People **DEFILERS!** (v. 44)

- You are the walking dead who defile others with your hypocrisy.

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2. Three Woes for Scribal **BIBLICISTS: You Are Hypocritical Rule-Twisters.** (vv. 45-52)

One of the lawyers said to Him in reply, "Teacher, when You say this, You insult us too." (v. 45)

1st Woe: You are Task **MASTERS** and Slave **DRIVERS!** (v. 46)

- You are task masters without **MERCY** driving people to do what only God's **GRACE** can do.
 1. You never **LIGHTEN** the burden of law-keeping with God's gentleness and enabling grace.
Matthew 11:28-30; Philippians 2:12-13
 2. You **ADD** to the burden with your man-made rules.

3. You **AVOID** carrying the burden yourself with your rule-twisting and self-excusing.

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2nd Woe: You are Tomb **BUILDERS** and Prophet **KILLERS!** (vv. 47-51)

- You build tomb-like memorials to the martyred prophets thinking you’re **BETTER** than your forefathers.
Matthew 23:29-31
- Your hard hearts think the only good prophet is a **DEAD** prophet.

*God’s Wisdom will bring long-deserved judgment on this **MESSIANIC** generation and nation!* (vv. 49-51)

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3rd Woe: You are Key **TAKERS** and Door **LOCKERS!** (v. 52)

- You forcefully **TAKE** the key to knowing God from sinners with your legalism.
John 17:3; 6:40
- You also are **LOCKED OUT** and don’t even know it!
- You **HINDER** those who are *actively seeking and actually entering*.

The Lord Jesus: *“Repent before it’s too late!”*

The INDIGESTION: Hypocritical Hearts Bitterly Reject Jesus and Turn Hostile!

Jesus will **NOT** feast in His future kingdom with *faultfinders, fakes, and foes who refuse to repent!*

“When He left there,” (v. 53a)

1. Hypocritical Hearts Often Choose **BITTER Rejection Over Humble Repentance.**

“the scribes and the Pharisees began to be very hostile” (v. 53b)

2. Hostile Hearts Will **HUNT Jesus Down by Laying Traps with Many Questions.**

“and to question Him closely on many subjects, plotting against Him to catch Him in something He might say.” (vv. 53c-54)

Hostile Questioning Will Escalate All the Way to the Cross!

Luke 13:10-17; 14:1-6; 15:1-2; 16:14-15; 17:20-21; 19:39-40, 45-48; 20:1-47; 22:1-6, 47-54, 63-71; 23:10, 35; 24:19-20

The Lord Jesus: “Repent before it’s too late!”

*“Search me, O God, and know my heart; Try me and know my anxious thoughts;
And see if there be any hurtful way in me, And lead me in the everlasting way.” Psalm 139:23-24*

WOE to YOU, HYPOCRITES!

Jesus Is Invited to Lunch with a Bunch of Legalists • Luke 11:37-54

“Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the platter; but inside of you, you are full of robbery and wickedness... Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge; you yourselves did not enter, and you hindered those who were entering.” (11:39, 52)

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“WOE!” MEANS “OH NO! DIVINE JUDGMENT IS COMING!”

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39-41..... The INSPECTION : Jesus Who Is the LORD Inspects the Pharisee’s Heart. 39-41

» **EXTERNAL HOLINESS WITHOUT INTERNAL HOLINESS IS HYPOCRITICAL!** ◀

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42-44 3 Woes for You Pharisaical Legalists: You Are Hypocritical Rule-Keepers! 42-44

WOE to You Heartless Givers & People Haters!

(42) You major on the minors and miss out on both! You major on minor man-made rules but pass right by the major God-given requirements: loving God and others. Thus, your minor rule-keeping is worthless and useless. You give everything but the one thing necessary: your heart! Major on the majors without neglecting the minors. Repent before it’s too late!



WOE to You Glory Stealers & People Users!

(43) You’re so focused on getting the glory that you forget to give God the glory He deserves. Instead of pointing people to God’s grace, you point them to your good works. You’re glory stealers who are so full of self, there’s no room for God. You use people for your good and glory rather than serving them for their good and God’s glory. Consequently, you fear (and envy) men instead of God. Repent before it’s too late!



WOE to You Tomb Deceivers & People Defilers!

(44) You are the walking dead who defile others with your hypocrisy. Your external religion looks alive, but it’s a cover-up for the tomb of your dead heart. Your self-deception is contagious, defiling those deceived by your legalistic teaching and hypocritical living. Repent before it’s too late!



45-52 3 Woes for You Scribal Biblicists: You Are Hypocritical Rule-Twisters! 45-52

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WOE to You Tomb Builders & Prophet Killers!

(47-48) You build tombs as memorials to the prophets! But they were martyred by your hard-hearted fathers. Like them, you think the only good prophet is a dead prophet. You seek to silence God’s message by murdering His messengers and ultimately His Messiah! Repent before it’s too late!



WOE to You Task Masters & Slave Drivers!

(46) You are task masters without mercy and slave drivers with a whip. You don’t lighten the burden of law-keeping with God’s enabling grace. Instead, you add to the burden with your man-made rules. Furthermore, you avoid carrying the burden yourself with your rule-twisting and self-excusing. Repent before it’s too late!



» **DIVINE WISDOM BRINGS DESERVED JUDGMENT on the MESSIANIC GENERATION & NATION (49-51)** ◀

WOE to You Key Takers & Door Lockers!

(52) You forcefully take the key to knowing God (= grace alone by faith alone in Christ alone) from sinners with your legalism, while you yourselves are locked out but don’t know it! You also hinder those who are actively seeking and actually entering. Repent before it’s too late!



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