

From the Inside Out

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Mark 7:14-23 NIV

*The revolution of Jesus is in the first place and continuously a revolution of the human heart or spirit. It did not and does not proceed by means of the formation of social institutions and laws, the outer forms of our existence, intending that these would then impose a good order of life upon people who come under their power. Rather, his is a revolution of character, which proceeds **by changing people from the inside** through ongoing personal relationship to God in Christ and to one another.*

~ Dallas Willard, Renovation of the Heart, p.14

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¹⁴Again Jesus called the crowd to him and said, “Listen to me, everyone, and understand this. ¹⁵Nothing outside a person can defile them by going into them. Rather, it is what comes out of a person that defiles them.” ¹⁶[Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand]

¹⁷After he had left the crowd and entered the house, his disciples asked him about this parable. ¹⁸“Are you so dull?” he asked. “Don’t you see that nothing that enters a person from the outside can defile them? ¹⁹For it doesn’t go into their heart but into their stomach, and then out of the body.” (In saying this, Jesus declared all foods clean.)

²⁰He went on: “What comes out of a person is what defiles them. ²¹For it is from within, out of a person’s heart, that evil thoughts come—sexual immorality, theft, murder, ²²adultery, greed, malice, deceit, lewdness, envy, slander, arrogance and folly. ²³All these evils come from inside and defile a person.”

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1. Jesus and the Pharisees agreed on this point: without some kind of _____, we are _____ before God.

2. Jesus and the Pharisees disagreed on the _____ of our uncleanness.

Mark 7:18-19, 20-23; 9:43-48

3. Jesus and the Pharisees disagreed on the _____ to our uncleanness.

Zechariah 3:1,3, 8-9; Mark 7:19; Matthew 5:17-18;
2 Corinthians 5:21; Revelation 19:7-8

The name Joshua when translated into Greek is the name _____.
