



Discovering God's Answer

Mark 7:14-23

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INTRODUCTION — How Gullible Are We?

LESSON — Discovering God's Answer

I. THE EXPLANATION — Understanding What's Happening vs. 14-16

A. The People (v. 14)

*“He began to say to **them**, ‘Listen to Me, **all of you**, and understand.”*

B. The Point (vs. 15-16)

*“There is **nothing outside the man** which can **defile** him if it goes into him; but the things **which proceed out of the man** are what **defile** the man.”*

The Application Point: The problem is not outside of you — _____ are the problem, and the problem is _____ of you.

II. THE CLARIFICATION — Why the Disciples Didn't Get It vs. 17-19

A. The Confusion (v. 17)

*“... His disciples **questioned** Him about the parable.”*

B. The Clarification (vs. 18-19)

*“... whatever **goes into the man from the outside** cannot defile him, because **it does not go into his heart,**”*

The Application Point: External behavior is merely an expression of what is already in your _____.

III. THE IMPLICATION — This Is the Real Problem vs. 20-23

A. The Defilement (vs. 20, 23)

*“That which proceeds **out of the man**, that is what **defiles** the man. All these **evil things** proceed from **within** and **defile** the man.”*

B. The Deeds (vs. 21-22)

“evil thoughts”

“fornications”

“thefts”

“murders”

“adulteries”

“deeds of coveting”

“wickedness”

“deceit”

“sensuality”

“envy”

“slander”

“pride”

“foolishness”

APPLICATION — How should we respond to cultural chaos?