Luke 11:21-28, Whitewashed Tombs

Luke 11:21-23 if you are not willing to say He's King, Lord, and Savior of your life, you might as well be calling Him Beelzebub. All you have to do is nothing about Jesus and you are in the same category as Satan himself. You're either a child of God or you are a child of Satan, there isn't a third parent. There is a deceptive middle ground out there that is treacherous trap for so many. We have the Child of God who follows Jesus and is transformed into the light of this world because of what Jesus has done in their lives. We have the obvious children of Satan who hate God, hate His laws, flaunt their immorality and right to live wickedly. We have deceptive middle ground that are actually unrecognized children of Satan who don't hate God, necessarily, or His laws, who are moral, conservative, righteous but only self-righteous.

☑ We are in favor of morality aren't we? Judeo-Christian values, teaching our kids morality, voting for moral living and moral conduct.

- ✓ Morality is better than immorality, but morality is more dangerous, potentially, than immorality because it can make you think you don't need a Savior. Reformation without regeneration, without being transformed into a child of God by the salvation of God could be the worst thing you ever did. Jesus makes this clear in a very graphic illustration Luke 11:24-26. Just so you don't miss who Jesus is aiming this illustration at, it tells us this in Matthew 12:45.
- ✓ What you may not understand is these people were the moral and "good" people of the day. They lived by a very complex ethical code, they demanded that life be controlled by moral standards, but their morality gained them nothing, in fact, it made them far worse people in the end because they never invited Jesus into their lives, they cleaned the house but left it empty! It was their morality, their perceived righteousness, their upholding of the traditional values that made them think they were okay.
- Their attempt to clean themselves up was what inoculated them against the truth that they were actually sinners in need of a Savior. Their morality was actually the worst thing that ever happened to them because of what it made them think about themselves. They were like whitewashed tombs: painted up and well organized on the outside, but there was a rotting corpse on the inside. Listen to how Jesus judges them Luke 11:37-52. They successfully cleaned up their lives, but they made no place for the Savior, they could do nothing to fill the void, but something was going to fill it. Either you're for Jesus or you are for Satan no matter how moral you are. You can be very religious, very moral, even have good feelings about Jesus and still be against Him.
- ✓ Moral reform without trusting Christ will kick open a double door for the return of demons. One demon went out when you cleaned up your life, but 8 will return. The demons says, "I will return to my house," Luke 11:24. It's either God's House or it's Satan's house, but it's never your house! Even though your life has been cleaned up, it's still Satan's house because it hasn't been sold to the Savior.

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