



# Daily Reflections

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## Scripture

**Luke 11: 37-41**

After Jesus had spoken,  
a Pharisee invited him to dine at his home.  
He entered and reclined at table to eat.  
The Pharisee was amazed to see  
that he did not observe the prescribed washing before the meal.  
The Lord said to him, "Oh you Pharisees!  
Although you cleanse the outside of the cup and the dish,  
inside you are filled with plunder and evil.  
You fools!  
Did not the maker of the outside also make the inside?  
But as to what is within, give alms,  
and behold, everything will be clean for you."

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## Our Scripture Reflection

What a hypocrite the Pharisee was for inviting Jesus into his home for dinner. Being at table and eating together was an expression of intimacy. However, the Pharisees' obsession with following the letter of the Law prevented him from knowing and loving the Lord of life. He missed his saving Grace.

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## Food for your Journey

“As I think about what has given vitality to my own spiritual life,” says Ben Patterson, campus pastor at Westmont College in Santa Barbara (Leadership, Summer 2002), “it’s always been — I hate to say — the really hard things: people or circumstances that made me face my limitations, my mortality, my weakness.”

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## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, You are always close to me. Help me to move beyond the distractions in this life so that I may hear and listen to Your voice speaking to my heart. Amen.