



# Daily Reflections

**October 16, 2018**

---

## Scripture

**Luke 11: 37-42**

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."

---

## Our Scripture Reflection

The word Pharisee means "separated one" in Hebrew. How did they get this designation? Because in their very scrupulous observance of both the written and oral Laws, they had, in essence, set themselves apart from the average Jew. They had become "holier than Thou" in a sense. Jesus takes them to task time and time again because they put on an impressive external display but their hearts are filthy. For Jesus, getting oneself right with God and His people from the inside was the key to true conversion.

Food for You Journey

Who am I? This or the other?

Am I one person today and tomorrow another?

Am I both at once? A hypocrite before others,

And before myself a contemptibly woebegone weakling?

Or is something within me still like a beaten army,

Fleeing in disorder from victory already achieved?

Who am I? They mock me, these lonely questions of mine.

Whoever I am, Thou knowest, O God, I am Thine!

--Excerpt from poem, "Who Am I?" by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, July 18, 1944.

---

## **A Prayer from the Heart**

Dear Jesus, May I never be found guilty of hypocrisy as I try to live my faith in You. May I always practice what You teach and live my faith in You to the fullest. Amen