

# ***“Who’s In Charge Here?”***

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Matthew 15:1-20

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## **INTRODUCTION**

- if I am in charge, I set the standard.
- if God is in charge, He sets the standard and I submit to it, or else...

### *1. The Challenge. (15:1-2)*

- the rabbis’ priority of hand-washing
- the rabbis’ practice of hand-washing
- the rabbis’ problem with hand-washing

### *2. The Confrontation. (15:3-9)*

- an authority problem:  
“the command of God” v. “your traditions”

- illustration:  
the Fifth Commandment v. “Corban”  
Deut. 20:16; Mk. 7:11

- a worship problem:  
internal cleanliness v. external cleanliness  
Isa. 1:11-15; 1 Sam. 16:7; Deut. 10:12-13, 16;  
2 Chr. 30:18-19; Ps. 24:3-4; 51:10; Jms. 4:8

### *3. The Clarification. (15:10-20)*

- lessons about hypocrites:  
a. Hypocrites will be \_\_\_\_\_.  
(15:12) Jn. 3:19-20

- b. Hypocrites will \_\_\_\_\_. (15:13)  
Jn. 15:5-6

- c. Hypocrites will \_\_\_\_\_. (15:14)  
1 Tim. 4:1-3  
2 Cor. 13:5; Heb. 10:31

- lessons about true uncleanness  
a. its source:

- b. its meaning:  
Tit. 1:15-16; 1 Pet. 2:9-12; Mt. 5:8