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Cleaning Up Your Act

Do You Gain Favor With God When You Change Your Sinful Ways?

Matthew 12:43-45

Some might read these verses and conclude it is a parable of Jesus warning us against demonology. They make a wrong assumption.

Parables of course were used by Jesus to teach us. There are some 39 NT parables of Jesus. This one reminds Israel and all of us of every generation that mere religion or reformation will not garner greater favor with God.

I Man's Problem Is a Spiritual Problem. (V 43)

It is not enough to clean house. We must also invite the right tenant to live within us.

Revelation 3:20

II We Must Learn That Willful Reform Is Not Enough (V 44)

The Jewish people had rules and laws but they had no grace.

Galatians 10:13

III Without True Spiritual Reform, Spiritual Problems will Grow (V45)

John 10:10

Acts 1:8