

## Thought for the Day – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2021

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### Get the inside right

<sup>37</sup> When Jesus had finished speaking, a Pharisee invited him to eat with him; so he went in and reclined at the table. <sup>38</sup> But the Pharisee was surprised when he noticed that Jesus did not first wash before the meal.

<sup>39</sup> Then the Lord said to him, “Now then, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. <sup>40</sup> You foolish people! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? <sup>41</sup> But now as for what is inside you—be generous to the poor, and everything will be clean for you.

- Luke 11:37-41

Our society puts great stock on appearances. Great deal of advertising focuses on products which enhance a certain look. Constant checking of our social media accounts to see how many people have liked what we have posted, to the more well known people, who check to see how others have reacted to something they have said or done, as if their lives depend on it. The pressure is on our leaders, to be seen to be doing the right thing, to be seen to be successful. Churches are not exempt from feeling that pressure.

Jesus, when seen not to be doing the right thing, puts the challenge right back. God made the outside and the inside. But the key to Jesus is what's on the inside, the state of what is not seen by others. If that part is right, if that part is clean, working well, the out side will take care of it self. Look at verse 41 again to see what makes the inside clean.