

Is It From Heaven or Men?

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Matthew 21:23-27; Mark 11:27-33; Luke 20:1-8



LUKE 20:1-8 (NKJV)

¹ Now it happened on one of those days, as He taught the people in the temple and preached the gospel, *that* the chief priests and the scribes, together with the elders, confronted *Him* ² and spoke to Him, saying, “Tell us, by what authority are You doing these things? Or who is he who gave You this authority?” ³ But He answered and said to them, “*I also will ask you one thing, and answer Me:*

LUKE 20:1-8 (NKJV)

⁴ The baptism of John—was it from heaven or from men?” ⁵ And they reasoned among themselves, saying, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ He will say, ‘Why then did you not believe him?’ ⁶ But if we say, ‘From men,’ all the people will stone us, for they are persuaded that John was a prophet.” ⁷ So they answered that they did not know where *it was* from. ⁸ And Jesus said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things.”



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CHECK THE SOURCE!

Never follow links in an email, text or private message unless you are sure of the source ...



SOMETHING IS NOT TRUE ...

Just because it is on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, etc ...

Just because you trust the person who said it ... (Gal. 1:6-9)

Just because it makes sense ... (Prov. 14:12)



SOMETHING IS NOT TRUE ...

Just because a teacher uses the Bible - Mat. 4:5-11

If it contradicts the teaching of other scriptures -

If it is taken out of context & misapplied -

Is it

Never believe a statement as the truth of God unless you can verify that the Bible indeed teaches it!

Acts 17:11 (NKJV)

¹¹ These were more fair-minded than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness, and searched the Scriptures daily *to find out* whether these things were so.

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1 John 4:1 (NKJV)

¹ Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world.

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2 Timothy 2:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

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2 Timothy 2:16–18 (NKJV)

¹⁶ But shun profane *and* idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. ¹⁷ And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, ¹⁸ who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some.

Is it
SCAM?

MANY PEOPLE TODAY MISHANDLE the Word of God

- They **ADD** to God's words - Prov 30:6; Rev 22:18
- They **SUBTRACT** from God's words - Rev 22:19
- They **TWIST** God's words - 2 Pet. 3:16
- They **REARRANGE** God's words - Mat. 15:1-9; 23:23,24

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THE PURSUIT OF

TRUTH

Psalm 119:160 (NKJV)

¹⁶⁰ The entirety of Your word *is* truth,
And every one of Your righteous
judgments *endures* forever.

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The totality of information revealed in the Bible is the totality of God's revealed truth.

ABOUT HIMSELF / ABOUT US / FOR US -

Deut 29:29

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John 17:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ Sanctify them by Your truth.

Your word is truth.

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2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NKJV)

¹⁶ All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, ¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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Matthew 21:25-26



From Heaven

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1 John 4:4-6
Gal. 1:6-9
Col. 2:6-10
2 Thess. 2:15

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Mt. 15:1-9
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2 Thess. 2:2-4

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God's **FINAL** Spokesman -
HIS OWN SON

Hebrews 1:1-2 (NKJV)

¹ God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, ² has in these last days spoken to us by *His* Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;

Mat. 17:5; Heb 12:1-3; Rev 2,3

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All should **BOW** to **THE**
NAME OF JESUS

Philippians 2:9-11 (NKJV)

⁹ Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, ¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, ¹¹ and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Mat. 28:18-20; Eph 1:21,22; 1 Pet 3:22

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Do **ALL** In The **NAME** of
the **LORD** Jesus

Colossians 3:17 (NKJV)

¹⁷ And *whatever* you do in word
or deed, *do* all in the name of the
Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God
the Father through Him.

Mat. 17:5; Luke 6:46; Acts 2:36

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No Other **NAME** by which
we must be **SAVED.**”

Acts 4:12 (NKJV)

¹² Nor is there salvation in any
other, for there is no other name
under heaven given among men
by which we must be saved.”

Acts 2:38; 10:43, 47,48; 19:5

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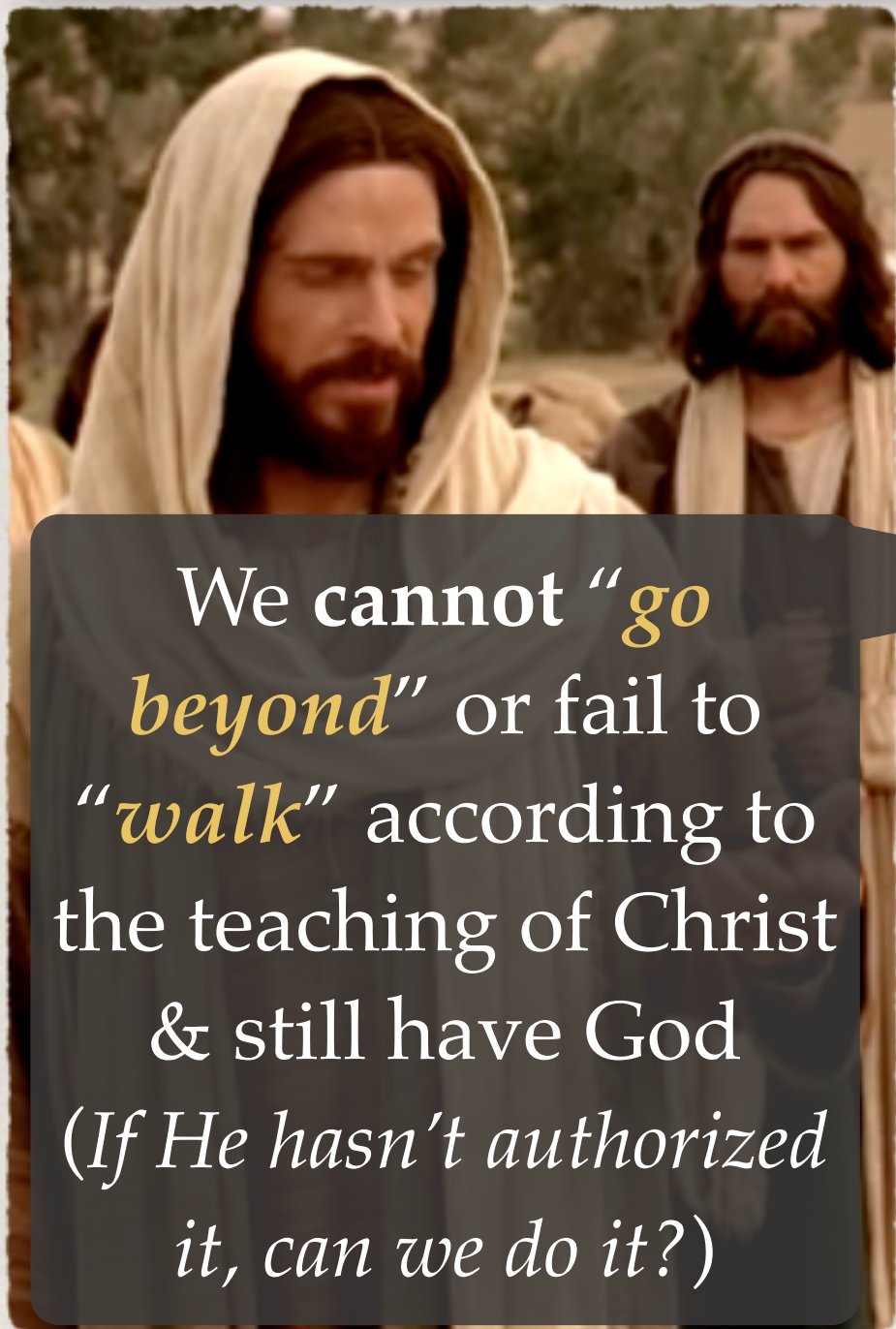
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- **A Matter of Humility** – (Mat 5:3; cf. Deut. 8:2; James 4:6-10)
- **A Matter of Respect** - (Isaiah 66:2; Luke 6:46-47)
- **A Matter of Desire** – (Psalm 112:1; 2 Cor. 5:9; Ephes. 5:8-15)
- **A Matter of Love** – (John 14:15, 21, 23-24; 1 John 5:2,3)

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We cannot “*go beyond*” or fail to “*walk*” according to the teaching of Christ & still have God
(If He hasn't authorized it, can we do it?)

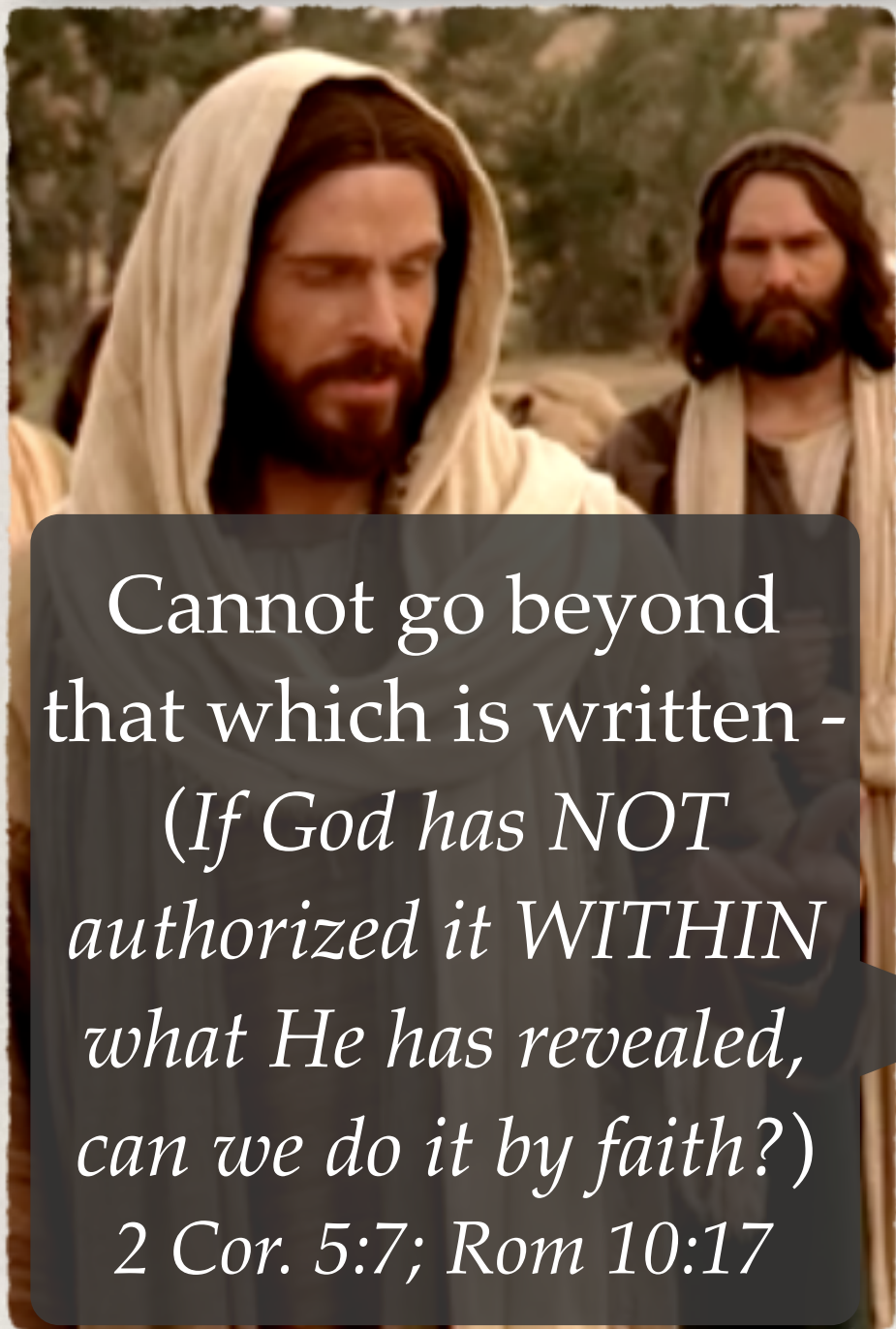
Stay In Bounds

2 John 9-11 (NKJV)

⁹ Whoever transgresses and does not abide in the doctrine of Christ does not have God. He who abides in the doctrine of Christ has both the Father and the Son.
¹⁰ If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; ¹¹ for he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.

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Cannot go beyond
that which is written -
(If God has NOT
authorized it *WITHIN*
what He has revealed,
can we do it by faith?)
2 Cor. 5:7; Rom 10:17

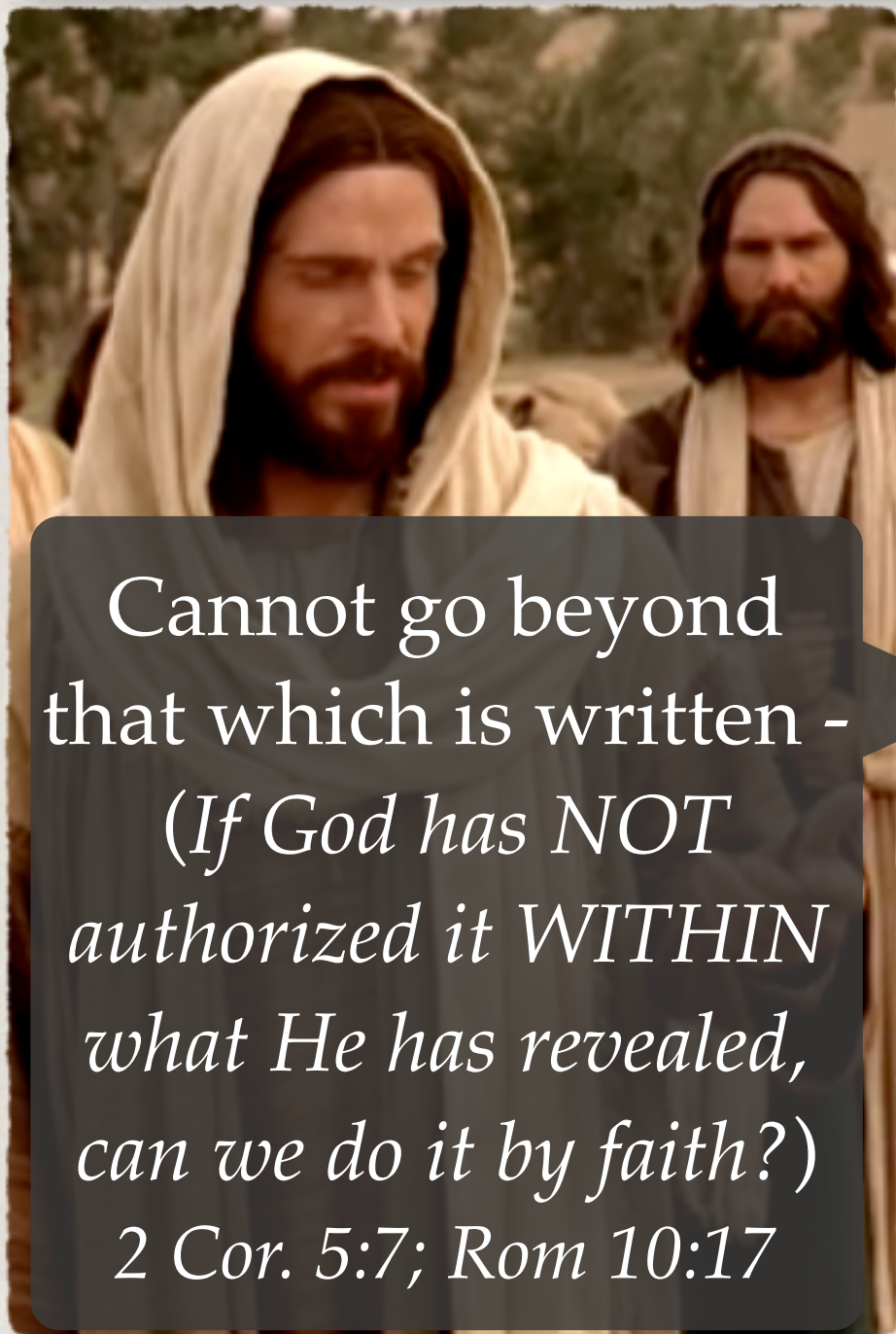
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1 Corinthians 4:6 (NKJV)

⁶ Now these things, brethren, I have figuratively transferred to myself and Apollos for your sakes, that you may learn in us not to think beyond what is written, that none of you may be puffed up on behalf of one against the other.

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Revelation 22:18-19 (NKJV)

¹⁸ For I testify to everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: If anyone adds to these things, God will add to him the plagues that are written in this book; ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the Book of Life, from the holy city, and *from* the things which are written in this book.

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■ To observe “ALL THINGS”
that Jesus commands — (Mat
28:19,20; Acts 2:42)

◆ *King Agrippa – (Acts 26:28)*

◆ *The unprofitable servant –
(Matt. 25:14-30)*

◆ *The church of Christ in
Laodicea – (Rev. 3:14-22)*

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The totality of information revealed regarding any act of righteousness forms the pattern for that act – 2 Tim. 3:16,17

Ps 119:160 / 2 Timothy 1:13 / 2 Peter 1:3;

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Hear, believe, repent,
confess & be baptized

H. — Romans 10:17;

B. — John 8:24

R. — Acts 17:30;

C. — Romans 10:9,10;

B. — Mark 16:16;

Matthew 21:25-26

What MUST I DO TO
BE SAVED?

From Men

By faith ONLY - no
action required!

Nothing ...

Only believe ...

Pray ...

Just receive ...

No baptism ...

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From Heaven

The Lord Adds the saved — Acts 2:47
A sound L.C.
following the NT in
org., doc., worship &
work — Act 9:26-28

Matthew 21:25-26

What MUST I DO TO
BE SAVED?

Which CHURCH
should I join?



From Men

It doesn't matter -
One is just as good as
the other -
Whichever one fits
what you want -
Just NOT one that
believes it is RIGHT!

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From Heaven

Singing, melody in
heart - Eph. 5:19
Singing - Col. 3:16
Fruit of our lips -
Heb 13:15
Sing - James 5:13

Matthew 21:25-26

What MUST I DO TO
BE SAVED?

Which CHURCH
should I join?

MUSIC in worship?



From Men

It doesn't matter ...
Piano / organ, but no
guitars or drums ...
Worshipful music -
no Rock-n-Roll ...
Anything goes ...

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From Heaven

We are to remember
the Lord's death by
observing the Lord's
supper - Mat 26:26-29;

1 Cor. 11:23-26

Each first day of the
week - Acts 20:7

Matthew 21:25-26

What MUST I DO TO
BE SAVED?

Which CHURCH
should I join?

MUSIC in worship?

The day to observe
the Lord's Supper?



From Men

It doesn't matter ...
Every time we come
together - Catholic
church ...

Once a month ...

Once a quarter ...

Once a year ...

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- His teachings have “once and for all been delivered” — Jude 3
- His teaching CANNOT be changed — Gal. 1:6-9
- Are we abiding in His teaching - 2 John 9-11
- WE will be judged by His words - John 12:48

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MATTHEW 15:3-14 (NKJV)

³ He answered and said to them, “Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? ⁴ For God commanded, saying, ‘*Honor your father and your mother*’; and, ‘*He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.*’ ⁵ But you say, ‘Whoever says to his father or mother, “Whatever profit you might have received from me *is a gift to God*”—⁶ then he need not honor his father or mother.’ Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition.

MATTHEW 15:3-14 (NKJV)

7 Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: ⁸ *‘These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. ⁹ And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.’*” ¹⁰ When He had called the multitude to *Himself*, He said to them, “Hear and understand: ¹¹ Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man.”

MATTHEW 15:3-14 (NKJV)

¹² Then His disciples came and said to Him, “Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?” ¹³ But He answered and said, “Every plant which My heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Let them alone. They are blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind leads the blind, both will fall into a ditch.”