



INSIDE OR OUTSIDE | WEEK 3

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Many people think they are **followers** of Jesus when they are just **fans**.

“Not everyone who calls out to me, ‘Lord! Lord!’ will **enter** the Kingdom of Heaven. Only those who actually do the will of my Father in heaven will **enter**.” *Matthew 7:21*

“But I will reply, ‘I never **knew** you.’” *Matthew 7:23*

Why so many fans?

Our focus is on the _____ instead of the _____.

“Don’t judge by his **appearance** or height, for I have rejected him. The Lord doesn’t **see** things the way you **see** them. People judge by **outward appearance**, but the Lord looks at the **heart**.” *1 Samuel 16:7*

We focus on _____ the _____.

“The teachers of religious law and the Pharisees are the official interpreters of the law of Moses.” *Matthew 23:2*

“Everything they do is for **show**.” *Matthew 23:5*

“What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. **Hypocrites!**” *Matthew 23:13*

“For you are like whitewashed tombs—**beautiful** on the outside but filled on the inside with **dead people’s bones** and all sorts of **impurity**.” *Matthew 23:27*

Your real problem is what is on the _____.

“It’s not what goes into your body that defiles you; you are defiled by what comes from your **heart**.” *Mark 7:15*

“It is what comes from **inside** that defiles you. For from **within**, out of a person’s **heart**, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, greed, wickedness, deceit, lustful desires, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness. All these vile things come from **within**; they are what defile you.” *Mark 7:20-23*

How do we move from fan to follower?

You must _____ your _____ from the outside to the inside.

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. **Point out** anything in me that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life. *Psalms 139:23-24*

“But I warn you—unless your righteousness is **better** than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven!” *Matthew 5:20*

What about the rules?

Are you more focused on the **outside** or the **inside**?