

“Reality Check”

This set of questions is based on Mike’s sermon on March 1 from Mark 12:38–13:2.

1. Jesus advised, “First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean” (Matt 23:26). What strategies help you attend to the *heart* as well as to observable behaviors?
2. Our Lord expects us to “spur one another on toward love and good deeds” (Heb 10:24), but warns us against doing our “acts of righteousness before others, to be seen by them” (Matt 6:1). How do you distinguish between a healthy response to positive peer pressure and pretentious religion?
3. Tell of a time when you needlessly burdened yourself by trying to compete with (outdo) other disciples. Have you grown past that now? If so, what freed you from the need to compete and what blessings has this brought you?