

## Looking for the Loopholes

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Mark 7:5-15

For years now Stefanie and her husband have said that their oldest child should be a lawyer. He loves to find the loophole in requests. You may ask him to tidy the sheets on his bed, only to discover the blankets on a floor. “You only said to take care of the sheets.”

The Pharisees were looking for loopholes when it came to following God’s law. They didn’t want to outright disobey, but if they could find some wiggle room, they would take it. Jesus concisely diagnosed the issue: you talk the talk, but don’t walk the walk. You honor God with your lips, but the actions of your life don’t reflect your words. Undoubtedly, the Pharisees were not happy to be called vain worshippers!

Where do we try to find wiggle room in our walk with the Lord? It’s easy enough to appear virtuous—say the right words, dress the right way, befriend the right people. However, what is inside your heart is key to your walk with the Lord. A sanctified heart has no loopholes. It is so filled with the Lord that no wiggle room can be found!

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