



1 Youth Ministry

Grades 7-12

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Foster Care Teens

Personal Care Items

We are always collecting "Personal Care Items" for teens in foster care throughout the year. Items for both male and female teens are being collected in the bin just outside our

See the sidebar for our new TEXT Prayer Request Line!
Simply text "I need prayer" to 844-533-3553 anytime,
and our team of Prayer Warriors will be praying for you.

Remember
Midweek Thursday Youth service 7pm!

Sunday



Appearance

Last Sunday, we talked about how important our appearance is to God.

We discussed how much time we spend on our appearance including our face, hair, clothes, etc. We also talked about how much time we spend thinking about our appearance including wondering if people will like the way we look, if we'll fit in, etc.

We said that there's really nothing wrong with spending time on our appearance or thinking about how we look. It only becomes a problem when it becomes our focus. Our focus should always be on our heart or our internal appearance.

We looked in **1 Samuel 16:7** to see that people look at

youth room. These items will be sorted into personal bags and given to DCS to be distributed to teens who may not even have their own tooth brush or comb.

This Week's Bible Verse

Matthew 23:25-26

²⁵ "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.
²⁶ Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.

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our outward appearance but God looks at our heart. So, when we put all of our time and thought into our outward appearance it's obviously just for people.

We said again that it only becomes a problem when we focus so much on our outward appearance that we forget to focus on our heart. It's like spending all of our effort to clean the outside of a cup, so it appears to be clean, but forgetting to clean the inside.

We looked at Jesus telling the Pharisees that very thing in **Matthew 23:25-26**. The Pharisees were so focused on looking religious and Godly to others that they forgot to focus on making sure their heart was right with God.

We said that Christians today can sometimes be the same way. They go to Church, they look the part, they dress the part, they act the part, and they even do all the right things for others to see but they forget to make sure their hearts are in the right place.

We looked again at **verse 26** where Jesus said, "First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean." So, if we put all our focus on our inside, making sure our heart is in the right place, then the outside will take care of itself.

We asked how we do that and the answer was to try our best to be like Jesus who's heart was obviously always in the right place. Our goal should then be to have a heart like Jesus.

First thing we said was to **Love God & Love Others**. Jesus loves everyone, unconditionally, no matter who or where they are or what they've done. To have a heart like Jesus is to love everyone as He loves us.

Jesus knew the Word of God and lived His life on Earth according to it. To have a heart like Jesus is to know God's word and do our best to live according to it. To know the Word of God requires reading, studying, and praying for guidance in His Word.

Jesus served others all throughout His life on Earth. He taught us that to have a heart like Jesus is to serve others, whoever they are, with a servant's heart.

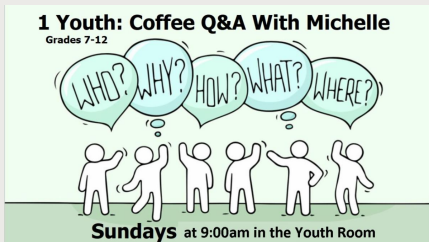
Above all else, Jesus always followed God's Will. Even in the Garden of Gethsemane where Jesus asked God if it was possible to avoid what was about to happen to Him, Jesus said, "Not my will, but yours be done".

You cannot have a heart like Jesus without following God's Will. You cannot follow God's Will if you're too

busy thinking how much better your plan is. It takes a lot of faith and trust in God that His will is always right.

We said that having a heart like Jesus is definitely not easy and it takes a lot of work to get there. But, we said that having a good outward appearance can also take a lot of work too.

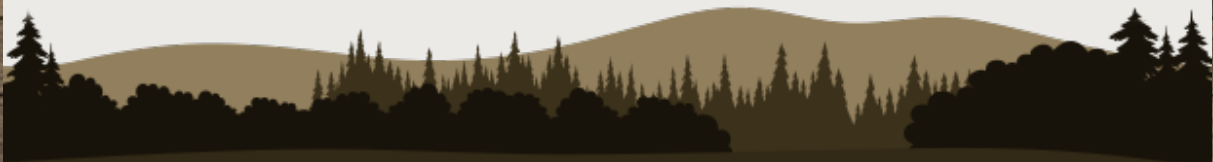
We agreed that working on our inward appearance, our heart, is infinitely more important than how we look to other people. Plus, if we focus on the inside, the outside will take care of itself and it will be better than we could ever imagine.



Pre-Service Coffee Q&A

Sundays at 9:00am

Join us in the Youth Room every Sunday, starting at 9:00am, for refreshments in a casual atmosphere for an opportunity for you and your friends to ask questions and discuss answers to your most pressing questions about God, Jesus, the Bible, other Religions, Christianity, or just about Life in general.



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