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The Pharisees and the Scribes concluded that man's problem was **external**, not **internal**.

### The Truth about Legalism

1. Legalism is always preoccupied with fault-finding.
2. Legalism is always preoccupied with man-made rules.
3. Legalism is always preoccupied with form over substance.
4. Legalism prioritizes tradition over truth.



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Man's problem is not **external**.

Despite race, gender, and class, man in and of himself is **filthy**.

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**Job 15:16** How much more  
abominable and filthy *is* man,  
which drinketh iniquity like water?

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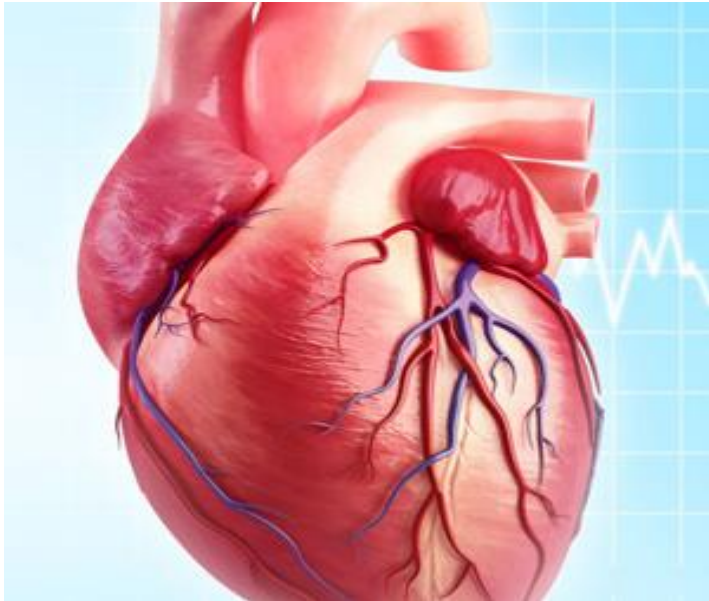
**Psa 14:2** The LORD looked down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there were any that did understand, *and* seek God. **3** They are all gone aside, they are *all* together become filthy: *there is* none that doeth good, no, not one.

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**Isa 64:6** But we are all as an unclean *thing*, and all our righteousnesses *are* as filthy rags; and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, have taken us away.

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**Mat 10:5** These twelve Jesus sent forth, and commanded them, saying, **Go not into the way of the Gentiles, and into *any* city of the Samaritans enter ye not: 6 But go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.**

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**Mat 15:28** Then Jesus answered and said unto her, *O woman, great is thy faith: be it unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour.*



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The prognosis for recovering from the disease of defilement and uncleanness is **100%** if we place our faith in the finished work of Jesus Christ.



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**2 Cor. 5:21** For he hath made him  
*to be* sin for us, who knew no sin;  
that we might be made the  
righteousness of God in him.

