

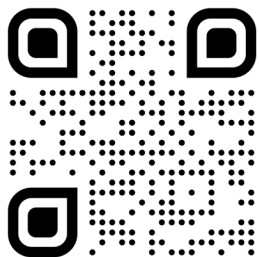
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# the heart of *the problem*

*sermon series by Greg Kirksey*

# THE DIAGNOSIS

Mark 7:1-23

## Sermon in a Sentence

### THE HEART OF OUR PROBLEM IS THE

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Guard your heart above all else,  
for it determines the course of your life.  
Proverbs 4:23

#### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE PROBLEM.

"Nothing that goes into a person from outside can defile him,  
but the things that come out of a person are what defile him.  
If anyone has ear to hear, he should listen."  
Mark 7: 15-16 (CSB)

"The human heart is the most deceitful of all  
things and desperately wicked. Who really knows how bad it is?"  
Jeremiah 17:9

"Are you so lacking in understanding also? Do you not understand  
that whatever goes into the man from outside cannot defile him,  
because it does not go into his heart, but into his stomach and is eliminated?...  
That which proceeds out of the man, that is what defiles the man.  
For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts,  
fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, deeds of coveting and wickedness,  
as well as deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, and foolishness."  
Mark 7: 18-22

#### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ OF THE PROBLEM.

"Everyone did what was right in his own eyes."  
Judges 21:25

"O Lord, you have examined my heart and know everything about me. You know  
when I sit down or stand up. You know my thoughts even when I'm far away."  
Psalm 139: 1-2

#### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ FOR THE PROBLEM.

"All these vile things come from within; they are what defile you."  
Mark 7: 23

"God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance,  
but the Lord looks at the heart. "  
1 Samuel 16:7

"But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself."  
Daniel 1:8

