

# ***“How To Fill An Empty Heart”***

## **Lesson Text: Matthew 12:43-45.**

- Describes the spiritual condition of that “generation.” **12:38-38; vs. 45.**
- This generation would be condemned by others- **12:41-42.**
- A lesson on the evils of “Neutrality” or just being saved from past sins....

## **I. The Dangers Of An Empty Heart.**

- \* The Bible puts a great deal of importance on the heart— **Proverbs 4:23; Matt. 15:15-20.**
- \* Our heart is like a home or house that we fill ourselves- **Luke 6:45.**
- \* When we teach people about repentance from sin, false religion, selfishness....  
**Luke 24:46-47; Acts 2:38; Acts 17:30.** That’s NOT the end of Conversion.
- \* Our house can be cleansed- **1 Peter 1:22; Hebrews 10:22.**
- \* We must Not think of obeying the gospel as a “*one and done deal.*” Nothing else required....
  - Woman, who was a Satan worshipper, obeyed the gospel, yet did not continue.....
  - What about the drug addicts or those addicted to gambling....
- \* The Jews of Jesus’ day needed to do more than just get rid of the prejudices, unbelief, murderous thoughts, and envy of Jesus— but fully come to Him! **John 5:37-40.**
  - They would have to embrace all of Christ & His Teachings- **John 8:31-32; 5:23-24.**
- \* Our House can be cleansed, yet not occupied by Christ! **Matthew 12:44.**
  - Remember the maxim: “Nature Abhors A Vacuum.”
  - Jesus said, “*He who is not with Me is against Me; and he who does not gather with Me, scatters.*” (**Luke 11:23**).
  - **Luke 7:36-48.** Which of the two did for the Lord?
- \* We Can Stay An Infant By Not Filling Our Heart— **2 Peter 3:18; Heb. 5:12-13; Eph. 4:14.**
- \* We Can Be Disobedient— **Matthew 25:24-27.**
- \* We Can Soon Fall Away— **Luke 8:13; Hebrews 3:12-13.**

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## **II. How Shall We Fill Our Hearts?**

1. Realize That Having Our Heart Cleansed Is Only The Beginning— **Heb. 9:14; Titus 2:14.**
2. By Making A Strong Commitment To Grow In Christ— **Acts 2:38— 2:42; 1 Peter 2:1-2.**
3. “Sanctify The Lord God In Your Hearts” **1 Peter 3:15.**
  - “Sanctify” means tom set apart. Christ- as Lord in our life!
4. Be Filled With God’s Word- **Psalm 119:10-16; Colossians 3:16; 1 Timothy 4:13-16.**
5. Worship Regularly- **1 Peter 2:5.**
6. Pray Often- **1 Thessalonians 5:17; Philippians 4:6-7.**
7. Meditate On Wholesome things- **Philippians 4:8.**

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