

**S.O.H.L. (10/4/10)**

**WEEKLY MINISTRY MEDITATIONS**

*Pronounced "Soul"*

# **Cleaning Up Your Own House!**

Becoming a citizen of the "High Heavens," is probably one of the greatest privileges Christians have! But as we grow in the area of sanctification, we have a tendency to look down on those that have not made it to the point of where another may be. We say negative things about those who are slow or stagnant in their spiritual growth. We can make some feel guilty, when we know we did not make it overnight! Encouragement is what our brother or sister needs, not discouragement. My brothers and sisters, before we say anything hypocritical about others, begin "Cleaning Up Your Own House."

So you say your house is clean. Be careful, you are displaying yourself as a **HYPOCRITE!!!**

**What is a hypocrite?** One who knows he or she is not all that and they wear an invisible mask to make people think they are.

It doesn't matter how much you clean your house, the house will still consist of some kind of germs. The cleaner will clean up to 90%, but there is still that 10% of germs flowing around. It is the same way with sin, we will never be sin free while here on earth and sin is not to be measured. For in God's eye, we all have fallen short of His glory! Sin is sin and we will all be judged!!!

**LUKE 12:1-5 NLT** – (1) Meanwhile, the crowds grew until thousands were milling about and stepping on each other. Jesus turned first to his disciples and warned them, "Beware of the yeast of the Pharisees—their hypocrisy." (2) The time is coming when everything that is covered up will be revealed, and all that is secret will be made known to all. (3) Whatever you have said in the dark will be heard in the light, and what you have whispered behind closed doors will be shouted from the housetops for all to hear! (4) "Dear friends, don't be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot do any more to you after that. (5) But I'll tell you whom to fear. Fear God, who has the power to kill you and then throw you into hell. Yes, he's the one to fear.

Just remember, God will reveal our every thought when we face Him face to face. Do not be deceived, we will be held accountable for how we treat our fellow sister and brothers. If they are wrong, pray for them and encourage them into the right direction. If they wish not to listen, pray for them. But do not be like a Pharisee and miss it! Meaning they were smart (educated) in their own minds, but many of them missed the instructions or guidelines of Christ. If you are treated wrongly by another Christian, stand and do not fear, only Christ can do total destruction, not man. It doesn't matter how long they have been a Christian, we must be humble, compassionate and loving to those who are not there. Let God do His job and we do what we have been instructed.

**SCRIPTURE READING**  
NUMBERS 16:4-7

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**  
If you truly want to be like somebody, be like Christ.

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