
DAILY READING

2025 NEW TESTAMENT READING

MARK 11:27-12:12

SUNDAY SCHOOL READING PLAN

MATTHEW 15:10-20

DEFILEMENT IS FROM WITHIN

15 ¹⁰ Summoning the crowd, he told them, “Listen and understand: ¹¹ It’s not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth—this defiles a person.”

¹² Then the disciples came up and told him, “Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?”

¹³ He replied, “Every plant that my heavenly Father didn’t plant will be uprooted. ¹⁴ Leave them alone! They are blind guides. And if the blind guide the blind, both will fall into a pit.”

¹⁵ Then Peter said, “Explain this parable to us.”

¹⁶ “Do you still lack understanding?” he asked. ¹⁷ “Don’t you realize that whatever goes into the mouth passes into the stomach and is eliminated? ¹⁸ But what comes out of the mouth comes from the heart, and this defiles a person. ¹⁹ For from the heart come evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, sexual immoralities, thefts, false testimonies, slander. ²⁰ These are the things that defile a person; but eating with unwashed hands does not defile a person.”