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## Housecleaning in the Church

### I. Starting Point (20-23)

The starting point in addressing church problems is me!

*I need:*

*God's Word – regular intake & application...*

*God's Examination – regular subjection to...*

*God's People – regular fellowship with...*

### II. End Goal (24-26)

The end goal in addressing church problems is restoration!

I need to be right with God, so that I can rightly serve God.

In Christ I can be!

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. Read Psalm 119:9-16 and 33-40. What attitude toward God's Word is seen? What does the Psalmist pledge himself to do? What purpose does he see for God's Word in His life?

How would you characterize your attitude, intake, and the purpose of God's Word in your life?

2. Read Proverbs 14:8; Lamentations 3:40; and 2 Corinthians 13:5. What do these verses encourage the reader to do?

Do you do this with some regularity? How might you do it better?

3. Read Proverbs 27:6 & 17; and Hebrews 3:13 & 13:1. What purpose can good Christian fellowship serve?

What value has Christian fellowship brought to your life?

4. Look over questions 1-3. Write a statement that summarizes the importance of God's Word, God's examination, and God's people to the believer's life. Write another statement of the importance to your life.

5. Read Colossians 3:5-17. Look beyond the do's and don'ts. What makes a growing characterization of these qualities a reality in your life?

6. It's never pleasant to have someone else correct or confront us in our failures. Read Galatians 6:1-5. What does this passage tell us that makes receiving, or giving, correction more palatable? Have you experienced this?

Explain how you would respond to witnessing a Christian you see who is not being truthful and using foul speech.

7. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?