

## Clearing Your Temple

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### SUMMARY:

John Eldredge writes in "Wild at Heart", The problem with men, we are told, is that they don't know how to keep their promises, be spiritual leaders, talk to their wives, or raise their children. My challenge for you today is to look beyond what the accepted "NORMAL" is. Just because every other man does it that way you should have the intestinal fortitude to turn over the tables of the accepted and follow God's plan for you. Just because other men offer polluted sacrifices of praise, worship, honor, love, honesty and faithfulness doesn't mean that you have to. Hebrews 3:12 challenges you to watch out for an evil and unbelieving heart. Revelations 2:4 asks the question have you left your first love? HAVE YOU?????

### NOTES:

### DISCUSSION POINTS:

#### Introductory Question:

1. BE HONEST WITH YOURSELF!!!!!! What tables need to be turned over by Jesus in your life?
2. What prohibits you from standing up for the things you believe in?
3. How do you help make a difference in the lives of those that need change?
4. Do you accept things in your life that you know are wrong or do you stand up for what you know in your heart is truth for you?
5. Jesus had probably been to the temple before. Why was this time different?

### APPLICATION:

Last week we talked about a "12" year old Jesus. This week we talk about the Master that cleared the temple. Only you can answer the difficult questions of what things in your temple need to be cleared out. John chapter 2 tells a story of Jesus clearing the temple in Jerusalem. Verse 22 says "they believed the scripture and the word which Jesus spoke". Do you believe the word he has spoken to you or have you lost it in the everyday ritual of religious ceremony?

#### On your Own:

Hebrews 3:12; Revelations 2:4; Deuteronomy 4:9; Psalm 44:20;  
Malachi 3:7; 1 Timothy 4:15; Colossians 3:16