

# Can washing your hands make you right with God?



**Matthew 15:1, 2, 7-20**





**The religious leaders said that Jesus' friends weren't washing their hands in the way that their Law said they should.**



**Jesus said that the religious leaders were hypocrites. He meant that they pretended to be good, but the things they did showed that they really were bad.**



**Jesus explained  
that the things  
we eat and how  
we eat them  
don't make any  
difference to  
God.**





**Jesus' friends noticed that the religious leaders were upset! They knew that Jesus was saying that their rules were not important.**





**Jesus said that the leaders were like blind people trying to lead other blind people! They would probably all fall into a ditch!**

**Then Jesus explained that a person might say they are obeying God but really they are doing bad things like stealing and hurting others.**

**Then we know that that person isn't living in God's way, whatever they say!**



**And really obeying God, Jesus says,  
is much, much more important than  
whether you wash your hands in the  
way that the religious leaders say  
you should!**

