

CROSS EXAMINATION: *Questions from the King*

**#4 A HOUSE OF PRAYER?**

Mark 11:15-18

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**1. It is easy to drift into fruitless religion.**

A. Beware of ritualizing your worship.

*These people say they are mine. They honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far away. And their worship of Me amounts to nothing more than human laws learned by rote.*

*Isaiah 29:13 NLT*

B. Beware of rationalizing your sin.

*Has the Lord as much delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed than the fat of rams. 1 Samuel 15:22*

**2. It is easy to quit depending on God.**

A. A person who really depends upon God really prays.

*When the pressure of work for Christ becomes the excuse for our not finding time to seek and secure His presence and power, it proves we have no proper sense of our absolute dependence upon God. Andrew Murray, 1897*

B. A person who really prays sees the power of God.

*And when they had prayed, the place where they had gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak the word of God with boldness. Acts 4:31*

*Therefore I say to you, all things that for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they shall be granted to you. Mark 11:24*

**3. It is easy to lose sight of lost people.**

*“Is it not written, ‘MY HOUSE SHALL BE CALLED A HOUSE OF PRAYER FOR ALL THE NATIONS’? But you have made it a robber’s den.” Mark 11:17*

A. God's heart beats for those who are lost.

*What man among you, if he has a hundred sheep and has lost one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the open pasture, and go after the one which is lost, until he finds it? Luke 15:4*

B. Every Christian is to be focused on the Lord's agenda.

*Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men.*

*Mark 1:17*

**Are you willing to be changed?**