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When Jesus had finished speaking, a Pharisee invited him to eat with him; so he went in and reclined at the table. But the Pharisee was surprised when he noticed that Jesus did not first wash before the meal. Then the Lord said to him, "Now then, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. You foolish people! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? But now as for what is inside you—be generous to the poor, and everything will be clean for you. (Luke 11: 37-41)

The heart of God's Law is love. It is the love we have toward God and our neighbor and in their rightful order. The absence of love in our life is, together with pride, the source of all our sins, while love is the way to purify us from them. So let us remember that all our actions must be accompanied by humility and love of God.