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## The hypocrisy of the Pharisees

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After Jesus had spoken,  
a Pharisee invited him to dine at his home.  
He entered and reclined at table to eat.  
The Pharisee was amazed to see  
that he did not observe the prescribed washing before the meal.  
The Lord said to him, "Oh you Pharisees!  
Although you cleanse the outside of the cup and the dish,  
inside you are filled with plunder and evil.  
You fools!  
Did not the maker of the outside also make the inside?  
But as to what is within, give alms,  
and behold, everything will be clean for you."  
(Lk 11:37-41)