

Matthew 15:12

Then His disciples came and said to Him, "Do You know that the Pharisees were offended when they heard this saying?"

Whenever you speak the truth, someone will always be offended, especially the Pharisees.
Pastor Charles Swindoll

How true is that statement from pastor Charles Swindoll. As we look a little further into that saying based upon God's word, let's look at today's verse in its entirety of what was going on between Jesus and the Pharisees.

† ***Then the scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying, "Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread." He answered and said to them, "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? For God commanded, saying, 'Honor your father and your mother'; and, 'He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.' But you say, 'Whoever says to his father or mother, 'Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God'-- then he need not honor his father or mother.' Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying:***

'These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me. And in vain they worship Me, Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.' "

When He had called the multitude to Himself, He said to them, "Hear and understand: Not what goes into the mouth defiles a man; but what comes out of the mouth, this defiles a man." Matthew 15:1-11

And today's verse is the response from the disciples who probably saw the disgust on the faces of the Pharisees, because Jesus spoke the truth of God's word to them, and the Pharisees wanted the people to believe their man made laws and way of doing things rather than what God says.

I really hate to speak about this because I am not into politics at all. But the Roe vs Wade thing is a perfect example. But then this is not about politics, it's about a man made law versus God's law about murder. Now I won't get into whether a woman's body is her choice. Because abortion is her choice, just like it would be her choice to murder someone, be it a child in her womb, or a neighbor or a stranger. Either way, murder is murder, and we should stop calling it abortion, and we should call it what it is, murder. And God clearly says with four simple words that:

† ***“You shall not murder.” Exodus 20:13***

It’s not a matter of interpretation, it’s plain and simple, but people think if they change the word “murder” to “abort” or “abortion”, that makes it ok... WRONG!!!

Just like the world calls homosexuality a Lifestyle Choice, But God calls it sin.

† ***If a man lies with a male as he lies with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination. They shall surely be put to death. Their blood shall be upon them. Leviticus 20:13***

I don’t know how much clearer God could make it, yet when man changes the name of it from sin, to whatever seems to sugarcoat it, therefore, they think that makes it ok. WRONG again!!!

They call alcoholism a disease, which means I can catch it from another person, just like any other disease... Wrong, being an alcoholic is being a drunkard, which is actually a sin.

† ***But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner--not even to eat with such a person. 1 Corinthians 5:11***

Did you ever notice that Paul put the sin of being a “**drunkard**” along side of the sins of “**sexually immoral, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler**”

What, are you offended by me saying these things? But then again, I am not saying them, I am quoting God’s word, because He said it first, and as a teacher of God’s word, all I can do is tell you what God says in His word, the BIBLE!

But if you are offended, I would rather offend you with the truth of God’s word and possibly use God’s word to save you from eternity in hell, then not offend you straight into hell.

† ***Therefore many of His disciples, when they heard this, said, "This is a hard saying; who can understand it?" When Jesus knew in Himself that His disciples complained about this, He said to them, "Does this offend you? What then if you should see the Son of Man ascend where He was before? It is the Spirit who gives life; the flesh profits nothing. The words that I speak to you are spirit, and they are life. But there are some of you who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were who did not believe, and who would betray Him. And He said, "Therefore I have said to you that no one can come to Me unless it has been granted to him by My Father." From that time many of His disciples went back and walked with Him no more. Then Jesus said to the twelve, "Do you also want to go away?" But Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life.***

John 6:60-68