

Study Notes and Questions for Matthew Chapter Fifteen

- What does it tell you about the Pharisees and Scribes that their biggest concern was making sure the disciples of Jesus kept the traditional food regulations?
- As you read through our Lord's response to the Pharisees as well as how He instructed His disciples (:4-20), how would you best describe the error of the Pharisee's thinking?
- What did Isaiah say in His prophecy about legalism? (15:7-9)
- Why is a "blind guide" a dangerous thing? (15:14)
- Read **verse 19**. In modern movies, a common statement is to "follow your heart." How does this verse speak to that worldly sentiment?
- What was the Phoenician woman saying when she said, "...**even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.**"
- Why should the story of the Phoenician woman ultimately be encouraging for us?
- Why is the response of the disciples in **verse 33** somewhat surprising based on what we saw in the last chapter?