

2/22/2009 – Tom Hamilton**“What Defiles Me?”**

- Matt 12:36f – the mouth speaks from the heart
- Matt 15 – what defiles us is in the (or comes from the) inside, like our speech
- The problem of self-righteousness
 - Matt 12:43-45 – the parable of the then current/following generations
- What is our basis of self-understanding?
 - How do we judge our lives? Must be from God, not doctrines of men.
 - Matt 15:12 – Jesus offended the “righteous” people; they were self-righteous, not God-righteous
 - Rom 10:8 – the substance of a person is in the heart. God’s word needs to be on our hearts.
- There is a need for self-assessment
 - James 2 – we can sound good to others, but still be evil from the heart
 - God is the only one that can judges us/others