

## Religion Vs. Regeneration (Luke 11:24-26)

### I. Reformation without Regeneration is Useless (24-25)

#### A. An unclean spirit leaves a man and seeks a home (24)

1. This is the reformation of character and behavior
  - a. Man casts out the evil outward behaviors
  - b. Man reforms his life
  - c. Man rededicates himself to do good

#### 2. The demon leaves and travels through dry places

- a. dry = deserted, without men to inhabit

#### B. The Spirit returns to a clean, swept house

#### 1. The man has reformed and cleaned his house

- a. however, no one inhabits the house
- b. there is no one to stop the demon
- c. The house is put in order for the demon's return

### II. Reformation can Only Bring Religion (26)

#### A. The spirit brings seven others to dwell there

#### 1. these demons are more powerful religious spirits

- a. They deceive the man into thinking he is good
- b. they dwell there – in a newly reformed man

#### 2. The last state of the man is worse than the first

- a. At first the man knew he was sinful and unclean
- b. At the last, he believes he is religious and clean
- c. The holy spirit does not live in him
- d. He believes the reformation of his character is what God requires.