

Teaching Notes

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Hypocrite or Humble

Matthew 23:1-12

Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ²“The teachers of religious law and the Pharisees are the official interpreters of the law of Moses.^[a] ³So practice and obey whatever they tell you, but don’t follow their example. For they don’t practice what they teach. ⁴They crush people with unbearable religious demands and never lift a finger to ease the burden.

⁵“Everything they do is for show. On their arms they wear extra wide prayer boxes with Scripture verses inside, and they wear robes with extra long tassels.^[b] ⁶And they love to sit at the head table at banquets and in the seats of honor in the synagogues. ⁷They love to receive respectful greetings as they walk in the marketplaces, and to be called ‘Rabbi.’^[c]

⁸“Don’t let anyone call you ‘Rabbi,’ for you have only one teacher, and all of you are equal as brothers and sisters.^[d] ⁹And don’t address anyone here on earth as ‘Father,’ for only God in heaven is your Father. ¹⁰And don’t let anyone call you ‘Teacher,’ for you have only one teacher, the Messiah. ¹¹The greatest among you must be a servant. ¹²But those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.

- Avoid _____
- It's _____ to wear _____-reminders
- We are all _____ in God's eyes
- _____ what you _____.
- Only _____ deserves our _____.
- Be a _____.
- The _____ will be _____.

God spoke to me today about...