

10. What is the basic context of Matthew 23?
11. Jesus had asked the religious groups a question to make them face what fact about the Messiah?
12. The only proper response the religious leaders could have had to Jesus would have been to believe in Him and do what?
13. Jesus was a threat to what (related to the religious leaders)?
14. A true definition of hypocrisy is when we do what?
15. Is it hypocrisy if one fails to be all that he/she wants to be or should be as a Christian?
16. Matthew 15 shows us that hypocrisy is a deliberate manipulation of things to cloak ourselves in what?
17. Do you see hypocrisy in your life (based upon the description given in the sermon)?
18. If someone were making you a scrumptious meal with luscious ingredients, would it be a problem for you if a fly got mixed into the recipe? Why?
19. Hypocrisy is a big deal because it is what kind of issue?
20. Are you guilty of disregarding God's commands by substituting your own teachings or doctrines?
21. The scribes and the Pharisees didn't merely act hypocritical, they were hypocrites to the what?
22. It was possible for the religious leaders to argue against Christ's what?
23. What chapter is one of the most blistering chapters in all the Bible?
24. Why was it necessary for Jesus to begin by warning the multitudes and His disciples about the religious leaders?
25. In the synagogue there was a chair that the teacher sat in and that chair was called what?
26. Why did the scribes and the Pharisees love to sit in that chair?
27. The scribes/Pharisees expounded upon the law of God but the problem was that they what?
28. Jesus told the people to do what with the things that the scribes and Pharisees said?
29. Many religious leaders weigh people down with what?
30. The scribes and Pharisees burdened people down with unrealistic obligations, without any intention of what?
31. Leather boxes containing a parchment with various passages written on them were (and still are) called what?
32. What would the religious leaders do with the tassels?
33. Have you ever done things to call attention to yourself so that others would know how spiritual you are?
34. From verse 6 we see that the religious leaders liked to be what?
35. The religious leaders were driven by a love of what?

36. What kind of greetings did the scribes and Pharisees love?
37. Do we have the same kind of motives in our lives today?
38. What is the key phrase in Matthew 6:1?
39. What is the main issue
40. If you do what you do to gain admiration of others, rather than pleasing God, then you have no what?
41. What does God NOT reward?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

- »»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?
- »»How can I accomplish this change?
- »»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

**For Next Time:**

1. **Read Matthew 23 this week**
2. **What did Jesus mean when He said, "beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing"?**
3. **How were the religious leaders of Jesus' day like false prophets?**
4. **Why does Jesus say, in Matthew 23:8, "...and you are all brothers..."?**
5. **Power corrupts and absolute power does what?**

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**JESUS' DESCRIPTION OF HYPOCRISY**

**Matthew 23:1-7**

**(Series #126)**

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon **"Jesus' Description of Hypocrisy."** All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. One of the most popular reasons given for not going to church is that the church is full of what?
2. Satan plants hypocrites in the church to be a confusion to whom?
3. We know that there will always be hypocrites in the church because Jesus said there will always be what?
4. From your own life, do you give unbelievers an excuse to reject the gospel of Christ?
5. A second reason why the saying "the church is full of hypocrites" has gained traction is what?
6. What two biblical characters ended up in hypocrisy?
7. What's an example of how you could be considered a hypocritical Christian?
8. In our passage we study today, Jesus confronts what kind of hypocrites?
9. The people Jesus confronts were people who lived lives of what?

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