

9. Jesus responded to all their questions with a question Himself and His presentation rendered the scribes and Pharisees what?
10. What would have been the only proper response from the scribes and Pharisees?
11. In relation to the leaders, Jesus was a threat to their what?
12. All that the religious leaders cared about was what?
13. Their phylacteries and the enlarged borders of their garments was all for what?
14. The religious leaders loved to be what?
15. The religious leaders were driven by a love of the what?
16. The word “Rabbi” in verse 8 means what?
17. When Jesus uses the phrase, “and you are all brothers,” He is telling us to not think that we are what?
18. Our only authority is what?
19. All that leaders can demand is that people do what?
20. In verse 9 Jesus is using the term “father” in what sense?
21. Christian slaves were to see whom as their true and ultimate master?
22. God is our Father because He is the source of what?
23. God is NOT the father of whom?
24. In verse 10, the first thing to note is that Jesus is NOT saying that it is wrong to what?
25. What two passages help support our answer to #24?
26. In verse 10, Jesus is NOT saying that it is wrong to do what?
27. I Thessalonians 5:11-12 tells us that we are to do what in relation to our spiritual leaders?
28. Where are we exhorted to follow the faith of spiritual leaders who have shepherded us and whose lives are worthy of respect?
29. Summarize what Jesus is saying in verse 10:
30. Jesus is warning one to not take pride in what?
31. Instead of wanting to be seen and exalted, strive to be a what?
32. Instead of wanting to be out front, serve where?
33. God’s people are to be marked by and characterized by what?
34. The statement of verse 12 is letting us know that the point of this warning is NOT what?
35. Instead of wanting to be seen and exalted by men, what should matter to us is what?
36. What is the key phrase in Matthew 6:1?
37. The key phrase of Matthew 6:1 is addressing what?
38. The main issue in our lives is what?
39. What happens if our goal is to be rewarded by men and applauded by men and acclaimed by men?

40. Matthew 6:3 is basically saying keep what a secret?

41. Who sees in secret?

42. Do you do what you do to be noticed by others? Do you try to impress others? Are you consciously aware of living your life unto our Father?

43. Do you do what you do to be seen by men?

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. When you think of about the Lord Jesus, what kind of image comes to mind concerning His personality?**
- 3. How was Jesus a contrast to the leaders in Israel during His life?**
- 4. How do the words of Matthew 23 contrast with your answer to #2?**

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## **A WARNING AGAINST PRETENTIOUSNESS**

**Matthew 23:8-12**

**(Series #127)**

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "**A Warning Against Pretentiousness.**" 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. False religious leaders today are still building empires and amassing fortunes by fleecing whom?
2. We have failed to take serious Jesus' words when he said, "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in..." what?
3. False prophets wearing sheep's clothing were/are false prophets who wear the attire of what?
4. Where in Matthew did Jesus warn about religious leaders who look and play the part but are not real?
5. In Jesus' day, the religious leaders were called what:
  - a. S\_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Chief \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. S\_\_\_\_\_
  - d. and Pharisees
6. The religious leaders of the first century weren't obvious what?
7. The vast majority of people saw the religious leaders as what?
8. Religious groups hated Jesus so they did what to try to entrap Him?

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