

Jesus' Description of Hypocrisy

Matthew 23:1-7

(series #126)

Introduction: Why is there hypocrisy in the church?

- Satan plants tares among the wheat

- Even true believers can slip into hypocrisy

- We all want to look spiritual - Matthew 15:3-8

I. The Warning of Jesus to Others vv. 1-3

- A. Falsehood is difficult to see v. 1

- B. Religious leaders exalt themselves v. 2

- C. Some of what they say is true v. 3

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- A. They weigh people down with guilt v. 4

- B. They use this for control and manipulation

- C. They show-off their spirituality v. 5

- D. They love to be noticed vv. 6-7

Conclusion: the warning to us - Matthew 6:1