

Sunday, November 17, 2024
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“Fake Faith”
Matthew 23:1-39

Today's BIG IDEA:

The purpose of our faith is to glorify God, not to impress others.

1. A warning against hypocritical LEADERS

A. They _____ without _____ (v.1-3)

- *“Your walk talks and your talk talks, but your walk talks louder than your talk talks.” – John Maxwell*

B. They're _____ without _____ (v.4)
(Matthew 11:28-30)

C. They're _____ without _____ (v.5-12)

D. They're _____ without _____ (v.13-38)

Woe #1: Hypocrites prohibit people from entering the kingdom (v.13)

Woe #2: Hypocrites make disciples of darkness (v.15)

Woe #3: Hypocrites create man-made caveats to a God-given Law (v.16-22)

- *A hypocrite's obedience is based on convenience rather than conviction.*

Woe #4: Hypocrites are nitpicky about little things while missing the most important thing (v.23-24)

Woe #5: Hypocrites focus on external cleanliness rather than internal holiness (v.25-26)

Woe #6: Hypocrites are beautiful on the outside but rotten on the inside (v.27-28)

Woe #7: Hypocrites condemn others while making the same mistakes (v.29-39)

- *The scariest thing about hypocrisy is that hypocrites rarely realize they're being hypocrites.*

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2. A warning against hypocritical LIVING

A. Be _____ even when others aren't (v.1-3)
(Romans 3:3-4)

- *Don't let the failures of men lead you to doubt the authority and truth of God's Word.*

B. Be _____ even when others aren't (v.11-12)

C. Be _____ even when others aren't (v.37-39)

APPLICATION QUESTIONS:

1. In what areas of your life do you tend to be hypocritical? What blind spots are easy for you to overlook?
2. How does our hypocrisy hinder the work of the gospel? Why is it such a deterrent to those outside the church? How do we change that?
3. How should we respond when other believers are hypocritical? How should we respond when others call us out for our own hypocrisy?