

CHRISTIANS ARE HYPOCRITICAL

Perception – Part 3

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Matthew 23:1-7

“Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: [v.2] ‘The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. [v.3] So you must obey them and do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach.’ Matthew 23:1-3 (NIV)

1. Avoid _____.

Jesus – “They tie up heavy loads and put them on men’s shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.” Matthew 23:4 (NIV)

Jesus – “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the kingdom of heaven in men’s faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to.” Matthew 23:13 (NIV)

2. Avoid _____.

Jesus – “Everything they do is done for men to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; [v.6] they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues, [v.7] they love to be greeted in the marketplaces and to have men call them ‘Rabbi.’” Matthew 23:5-7 (NIV)

Jesus – “The greatest among you will be your servant. [v.12] For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” Matthew 23:11, 12 (NIV)

Jesus – “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men’s bones and everything unclean. [v.28] In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.” Matthew 23:27, 28 (NIV)

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