



Today's Message:
**"CONFRONTING
THE
PHONY"**

"How To Get Along With Difficult People"

Matthew 23:1-15 (NIV)

1 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: **2** "The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. **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. **4** 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.

5 "Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; **6** they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; **7** they love to be greeted in the marketplaces and to have men call them 'Rabbi'. **8** "But you are not to be called 'Rabbi,' for you have one Master, and you are all brothers. **9** And do not call anyone on earth 'father,' for you have one

Father, and he is in heaven. **10** Nor are you to be called teacher, for you have one Teacher, the Christ. **11** The greatest among you will be your servant. **12** For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted. **13** 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. **15** "Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You travel over land and sea to win a single convert, and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as you are.

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**The word "HYPOCRITE"
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**Secondly, PHONY PEOPLE make life
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Matthew 23:5,

"**EVERYTHING THEY DO, is done for MEN TO SEE! They make their PHYLACTERIES WIDE, and TASSELS, of their PRAYER SHAWLS LONG."**

"What was SO BAD about THE PHARISEE'S HYPOCRISY? If we think of it as consisting MERELY in their TEACHING, or PRETENDING one thing, while in fact PRACTICING something CONTRADICTORY, we will MISS JESUS' MAIN POINT. What He NAILED THEM FOR is that they were USING GOD and the THINGS OF GOD as a MEANS to some OTHER END!"

John Boynton, Author Of "The Gospel Of Confidence"

"YOU CAN KEEP ALL THE EXTERNAL RULES, AND NOT KNOW GOD!"

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'RABBI'. But, YOU are NOT to be called 'RABBI', for YOU have ONLY ONE MASTER, and you are ALL BROTHERS. And, do NOT call anyone on earth 'FATHER', for YOU have ONE FATHER and He is IN HEAVEN. Nor, are YOU to be called 'TEACHER', for you have ONE TEACHER, The Christ!"

**Matthew 23:11-12,
"The GREATEST among you, will be your SERVANT! For, whoever EXALTS HIMSELF will be HUMBLED, and whoever HUMBLES HIMSELF will be EXALTED!"**

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- 5.) PHONIES prevent "OTHERS" from "ENTERING THE KINGDOM".

**Matthew 23:13,
"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 23:15,
"WOE to you, TEACHERS of The Law and PHARISEES; you HYPOCRITES! You TRAVEL over land and sea, to WIN a SINGLE CONVERT, and when he BECOMES ONE, you make him TWICE AS MUCH a son of HELL, as YOU ARE!!"**

**"FOOLS" - "HYPOCRITES"
"SNAKES" - "BLIND GUIDES"
"FILTHY CUPS"
"HARDENED KILLERS"
"SONS OF HELL"
"WHITE WASHED TOMBS"!!**

**“MANY CHRISTIANS
DEFINE SIN AS THE SUM
TOTAL OF ACTS, WHICH,
THEY THEMSELVES, DO
NOT COMMIT!”**

**Jesus is giving them “A LAST
MINUTE WARNING” - If they
DON'T RESPOND to His
REBUKE; if there is NO
REPENTANCE; ultimately
these people are going to
“DIE”, and go to “HELL!”**

**Matthew 23:37, “Oh, Jerusalem,
Jerusalem! You who KILL THE
PROPHETS, and STONE THOSE SENT
TO YOU; how OFTEN I have LONGED
to GATHER YOUR CHILDREN
TOGETHER, as a HEN GATHERS HER
CHICKS under her WINGS, but you
were NOT WILLING!”**

**“WE HAVE TO BE
WILLING TO
CONFRONT ONE
ANOTHER!”**

**Galatians 6:1,
“Brothers, if SOMEONE is
CAUGHT IN A SIN, you who are
SPIRITUAL, should RESTORE HIM
GENTLY. But, WATCH YOURSELF,
or you ALSO may be TEMPTED!”**

Colossians 16a,

**“Let the WORD OF CHRIST
dwell in you RICHLY, as you
TEACH and ADMONISH one
another, in all wisdom!”**

We can "NOT" do "ONE THING" on "SUNDAY", and "ANOTHER THING" "MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY", and believe we are "LIVING" a "LIFE" that "PLEASES GOD!"

"WORSHIP IS SOMETHING WE DO EVERYDAY OF OUR LIVES!"

I'm "NOT CASTING STONES";
I'm "THROWING OUT A LIFELINE!"

Matthew 7:3-5, "Why do you look at the SPECK OF SAWDUST in your BROTHER'S EYE, and PAY NO ATTENTION to the PLANK in your OWN EYE? How can you SAY to your BROTHER, 'Let me take the SPECK out of YOUR EYE, when ALL

THE TIME there is a PLANK in your OWN EYE? You HYPOCRITE!! First, take the PLANK out of your OWN EYE, and THEN you will SEE CLEARLY to REMOVE the SPECK from your BROTHER'S EYE!"

"Hey, it's THEIR DEAL; it's THEIR PROBLEM; they are NOT HURTING ME, or ANYBODY else!"

**YES, they ARE! They are
"HURTING THE
KINGDOM OF GOD!!"**