

## Doctrine of the Religious Hypocrite

1. The religious hypocrite demands respect based on a position as teacher.
  - *Matthew 23:2 Saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat:*
2. The religious hypocrite will not practice what is taught.
  - *Matthew 23:3 All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not.*
3. The religious hypocrite demands service but does not give it.
  - *Matthew 23:4 For they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men's shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with one of their fingers.*
4. The religious hypocrite seeks inordinate praise.
  - *Matthew 23:5 But all their works they do for to be seen of men: they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments,*
5. The religious hypocrite will parade personal religion before others.
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6. The religious hypocrite is interested in self-advancement.
  - *Matthew 23:6 And love the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues,*
7. The religious hypocrite will seek a prominent place in the church.
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8. The religious hypocrite craves personal attention.
  - *Matthew 23:7 And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.*
9. The religious hypocrite finds glory in titles such as, Rabbi.
  - *Matthew 23:7 And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi.*

10. The religious hypocrite will not hesitate to rob men of truth and life.

- *Matthew 23:13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye shut up the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye neither go in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering to go in.*

11. The religious hypocrite will reject truth and life.

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12. The religious hypocrite will take financial advantage of widows.

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13. The religious hypocrite will make long public prayers.

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14. The religious hypocrite is zealous to win men to their sect, but not to God.

- *Matthew 23:15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte, and when he is made, ye make him twofold more the child of hell than yourselves.*

15. The religious hypocrite is spiritually blind to gospel truth and the principles of Christianity.

- *Matthew 23:16 Woe unto you, ye blind guides, which say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor! 17 Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gold, or the temple that sanctifieth the gold? 18 And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever sweareth by the gift that is upon it, he is guilty. 19 Ye fools and blind: for whether is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift? 20 Whoso therefore shall swear by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon. 21 And whoso shall swear by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein. 22 And he that shall swear by heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon.*

16. The religious hypocrite will strain at gnats and swallow camels as they emphasize minor details and omit the fundamentals of religion.

- *Matthew 23:23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone. 24 Ye blind guides, which strain at a gnat, and swallow a camel.*

17. The religious hypocrite will glory in physical cleanliness while living in moral filth

- *Matthew 23:25 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full of extortion and excess. 26 Thou blind Pharisee, cleanse first that which is within the cup and platter, that the outside of them may be clean also.*

18. The religious hypocrite will display an outward religion and self-righteousness and ignore inward holiness in life and conduct.

- *Matthew 23: 27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness. 28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.*

19. The religious hypocrite will pretend to be more righteous than their forefathers.

- *Matthew 23:29 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, 30 And say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. 31 Wherefore ye be witnesses unto yourselves, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets. 32 Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers. 33 Ye serpents, ye generation of vipers, how can ye escape the damnation of hell?*