

RENEWSPRIT- "THE SPIRIT MAN" WEEK 4

"They do not practice what they preach." – Mathew 23:3

"Everything they do is for man to see." – Mathew 23:5

"We found this woman in bed with a man that was not her husband. The Law says we stone her. What do you say? If any one of you is without sin, he can cast the first stone. Is there anyone left to condemn you? Neither do I condemn you. You go now and leave your life of sin." – John 8:4,7,10,11

"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." – Mathew 23:13

First accusation: _____.

"They tie heavy loads and put them on men's shoulders." – Matthew 23:4

Religion – trying to please God by adhering to rules and regulations.

"Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me – watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't let anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." – Matthew 11:28-30

“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.” – Matthew 23:15

Second accusation: _____.

“Woe to you, blind guides. You say, ‘If anyone swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.’ You blind fools, which is greater: the gold or the temple that makes the gold sacred?” – Matthew 23:16-17

“Let your ‘yes’ be ‘yes’ and your ‘no’ be ‘no.’” – Matthew 5:37

“Woe to you teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices... But you have neglected the more important matters of the law – justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel.” – Matthew 23:23-24

Religious bullies often miss what matters most.

“You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel.” – Matthew 23:24

Reflect: How will you apply this teaching? What really stood out to you in this message?
