

The Gospel According to Matthew

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Matthew 23:1-12

1 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, 2 'The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; 3 therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practise what they teach. 4 They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. 5 They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. 6 They love to have the place of honour at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, 7 and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have people call them rabbi. 8 But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. 9 And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. 10 Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. 11 The greatest among you will be your servant. 12 All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.

Who is Matthew talking to?

How does this have anything to do with our lives today?

What are your most likely forms of self-sabotage?

What are we to learn from other people's demise?

What if the Pharisees function as a negative archetype?

The power of status and reputation?

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Matthew 23:11-12

How do we avoid this pitfall?

Songs: Blessed Be Your Name, When You Call My Name, Jesus All For Jesus, Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing, Remain in Your Love

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