



PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH

Jesus Criticizes Unjust Leaders
Matthew 23

Key Verse



*"The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for **they do not practice what they preach.**"*

– (from Matthew 23:2-3)



Memory Verse



“Justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced”

(from Matthew 23:23, NIV)





Jesus speaking to a large crowd and His followers.



Guess what, in Jesus' time, there were no microphones and speakers like we have in Churches today. He had to speak in a loud and clear voice so everyone could hear him.

From Moses to the Pharisees

Moses speaking to the people 🤖

Do everything they tell you,

The Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. 🤖

~~but do not do what they do.~~



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The Pharisees do
not practice what
they preach.

Shame, Shame, Shame



Jesus warns the teachers, of the law and the Pharisees, and the hypocrites for not paying attention to the more important things of the law: **Justice**, **Mercy** and **Faithfulness**.



Important Matters of the Law:

Justice



Mercy



Faithfulness



Look at the two pictures of the two men.
What man appears to be a humble believer?

The Pharisee in Prayer.



The Publican in Prayer.



Jesus Christ wants us to be clean on the inside and then the outside will also be clean.

Pig Pen's Dishes Are Dirty. Pig Pen has work to do.



Charlie Brown's Dishes Are Clean. Charlie Brown has done his work.



Where would a family learn about and obey the Word of God? The television, basketball game, Bible or Church.



Reach the Children. Teach the Children.

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