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Jesus had silenced his critics. They tried trapping him with a series of loaded questions. The barrage was met with an unmovable force. Their attempt to expose him as a fraud and to discredit him failed. Now it was Jesus' turn to expose the Pharisees and Teachers of the Law for the hypocrisy they lived.

Hypocrisy was a common term Jesus used in Matthew's gospel. His first usage appeared in the Sermon on the Mount (Mt. 6:1-18) where he challenges those doing their "acts of piety" for the applause of men. Instead of giving, praying and fasting to please God, they're doing them to please the public. The word, hypocrite, is rooted in the Greek culture to describe an actor pretending to be someone else on stage where the audience cheers the performers. Jesus says a hypocrite is someone who acts like their spiritual, but their motives and actions are only to impress the people around them.

In Matthew 23 Jesus unloads on the religious leaders and exposes their fraudulent actions. He indicts them with seven woes, and with all apologies to Steven Covey, here is the *7 Habits of Highly Hypocritical People*.

Habit #1: *Slams the Door of Heaven in People's Faces* (vs. 13-14). These religious leaders are assuming a position that ultimately puts them in opposition to God's will. While they believe they're promoting the righteousness of God, Jesus claims they're subservient to God. Ultimately, isn't that the problem? Religious people filled with legalistic zeal really believe they're upholding Scripture. The truth is they use their zealous interpretation of Scripture as a means to keep people out of heaven.

7 HABITS OF HIGHLY HYPOCRITICAL PEOPLE

BY JON PARTLOW

Habit #2: *Futile Competition to Convert Others* (v. 15). On the heels of the first habit, Jesus believes that converting others to their way of "shutting heaven's door" only populates hell, not heaven. In other words, if your religious starting point is condemnation, then when you convert others to your position, you're not only condemned but so are the ones you convert.

Habit #3: *Trivializes the Truth* (vs. 16-22). They built a process where by breaking their word was given an honorable out. They distinguished varying oaths, for if you swore by the temple, you need not follow through with your commitment. But if you swore by the gold in the temple, your word was binding. Ultimately, Jesus says to be people of your word without the need for oath-taking (Mt. 5:33-37). At this point Jesus intensifies his language, calling the religious leaders, "blind guides" (v. 16) and "blind fools" (v. 17). To him, they're nothing more than the blind leading the blind.

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Prayers For Sunshine Family

Judi Allison is in Pleasant Hill Manor room E40.

David Bradshaw has a bad tear in rotator cuff and will be having an upcoming surgery soon to repair his shoulder.

Roger Cooper is recovering from shingles.

Alma Coriell is recovering from a fall.

Helen Creech prayers for ongoing strength.

Gene and Esther Crisp at Riverbend 123.

Kathy Forbes recovering from surgery on a broken wrist.

John Gampp is home and recovering.

Russell Gilliland at Kings Daughters in Ashland and looking for other treatment options.

Alan Graff At home under hospice care and is welcoming visitors. Very week and having bad days.

Ike Hardin has been moved to Edgewood Manner.

Merritt Hayward recovering at home.

Brenda Kaliner recovering from wrist surgery.

Garnet Lindeman is requesting prayers.

Elaine McLaughlin broken out in a rash covering her from head to toe.

Ruth Miller fell this past Wednesday and spent the day at the ER. She is back at Elmbrooke.

Ruth Morris foot is swollen. Slow improvement.

Tyler Meredith location for his mission work teams.

Terri Young had a confirmed stroke recently and doctors are working on ways to prevent future ones.

Prayer Requests

Zane Chamberlin (Barb Gampp's nephew) recovering from successful quadruple bypass surgery.

Ray Evans came home this past week.

Ralph Wilson will have foot surgery on Nov. 27th in Cincinnati.

Lia Coriell Ira and Shelby are scheduled to go to China in the middle of January. Prayers for adoption process to go smoothly.



11/19

11/26

12/3

12/4

Play Practice 5:30pm

Thanksgiving Service

Christmas Program

Sweet Monday

Sunshine Church Service Info

Anonymous Prayer Request Hotline:

Text **94706** & your request to the phone # **22333**

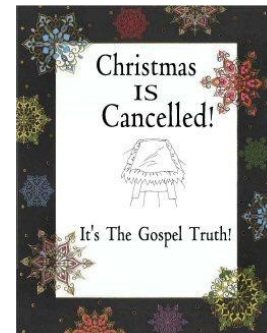
Sunday Morning Live Streaming: <http://media.sunshine-church.com> or <http://sunshinecofc.sermon.net>

Welcome To All of Our Guests

We give a special welcome to all of our guests today. If this is your first time to visit with us this year, please stop by the Welcome Center in the foyer at the conclusion of services, sign our guest register and pick up your gift for being one of our guests today.

Gluten Free Communion Available

We have gluten free communion available for anyone who needs it. It can be found at the Welcome Center. You can simply pick it up before the services or on your way into the auditorium.



Performance is December
3rd at 6:30 pm.

Christmas Program Rehearsal Dates:

Sunday, Nov. 19th:

Play practice at 5:30 pm.

Sunday, Nov. 26th:

Pizza and dress rehearsal at 4:30 pm.

Sunday, Dec. 3rd:

5:00 pm Dress rehearsal

6:30 pm Performance

Questions—call Pam Coriell
(740) 961-2137

Thanksgiving Service

Our Thanksgiving service will be Sunday, November 26! Four men from our congregation (Tom Kelley, Garris Coriell, Jeff Lindamen, and Matthew Partlow) will tell us what they are most thankful for. Please be in prayer for these men as they prepare to speak to us. Thank you!

Christmas Program Reception Sign-Ups

We are having a Reception for the Christmas Program following the performance on Dec. 3. We are in need of helpers and people willing to make some goodies! Sign-up sheets in the foyer for people to sign up to help at the reception and for people who would like to bring cookies and/or finger foods. Please consider helping us make this a wonderful reception for all the hard work our cast members put into the program and for the visitors who came to watch! Thank you!



Meal Train For Dee Bradshaw's Parents

We created a meal train for Ray and Weldonna Evans (Dee Bradshaw's parents). They recently have both been in and out of the hospital. The meal train starts tomorrow, Monday, Nov. 20 and runs till Dec. 1st (every other day and no weekends). If you are interested in helping, please check out this link and sign up for a day! Thank you.

<https://mealtrain.com/m72rd6>

Cancer Blessing Bags Update

The blessing bags were delivered in October to the cancer center. The recipients were very thankful for assembling the bags. Please remember to be praying for the person who received your bag.

December Sweet Monday

It's a Christmas Tea and a Housewarming Party! December 4th, at 6:30 p.m. in the annex, we will be having our Sweet Celebration for the Christmas season! We will enjoy a light meal of soup and salad and some Christmas treats! There will also be a gingerbread house decorating contest--house kits provided! We will also be having a housewarming party for our own Sweet Holly Hayward--wish list on the back bulletin board. There's also a sign-up sheet for soups, salad, and treats! Please plan to join us for this year's Christmas Ladies' Fellowship, and like other years--any of our young ladies are welcome to attend with their Sweet Mom! Any questions see Heather Gragg or Julie Miller.



Family Bible Time

Week 47:

Nov. 19—Lesson 93 Matthew 24:1-28

Nov. 22—Lesson 94 Matthew 24:29-51

Discussion Questions for Families:

1. What did Jesus tell his disciples would happen to the temple?
2. What is the only thing which Jesus said would not be destroyed?

Week 48 Text:

Matthew 25:1-46 & Matthew 26:1-5, 14-16,
Mark 14:12-17

Those Who Serve

Sun. Morning	<u>11/19/2017</u>	<u>11/26/2017</u>	<u>12/3/2017</u>
Welcome	Rich Book	Don Coriell	Jon Coriell
Reading	Mark Gamp	Price Gammon	Dusty Henry
Midservice Prayer	Eric Meredith	Caleb Miller	Shane Mougey
Communion	Jason Coriell	Gary Glispie	Shawn Gragg
Sermon	Jon Partlow	Jon Partlow	Jon Partlow
Closing Prayer	Spike Ferrell	Johnny Beekman	Dale Kuhn
Sun. Evening	<u>11/19/2017</u>	<u>11/26/2017</u>	<u>12/3/2017</u>
Song Leader	Jon Coriell	Zach Coriell	
Reading	Matthew Partlow	Don Ramey	Christmas
Communion	Ira Coriell	Gregg Ferrell	Is
Assist	Garries Coriell	Jay Coriell	Cancelled
Prayer	Tim Coriell	Rick Coriell	Program
Wed. Evening	<u>11/22/2017</u>	<u>11/29/2017</u>	<u>12/6/2017</u>
Song Leader	Matthew Hoskins	Aaron McCray	Shaun McCray
Prayer	Josh Coriell	David Bradshaw	Wayne Gamp

Regular Service Times

Sunday

Early Worship - 8:15 am

Late Worship - 10:00 am

Bible Study - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday

Bible Study - 7:30 p.m.

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Hypocritical People from front page...

Habit #4: *Neglects What Really Matters* (vs. 23-24). As a result of their legalism, they majored in minors while minoring in majors. They focused on minute issues of God's concern, making those same peripheral issues a "heaven or hell" argument. In the process they neglected what God really wants from people. Specifically, nothing in the Law told Israel to tithe their garden produce (i.e. mint, dill, and cumin), but the Law had much to say about "justice, mercy and righteousness." In a humorous statement, Jesus says the religious legalistic people in their own zeal for righteousness strain out a gnat but swallow a whole camel.

Habit #5: *Consumed by Keeping Up with Appearances* (vs. 25-26). Serious incongruity existed between what is on the outside of a person and what is going on in the inside of a person. So much focus was given to externals – clothing, teaching, decorative religious monuments – they failed to allow the Word of God to transform their lives. Ultimately, they looked the part but failed to be the part.

Habit #6: *Believes Beauty Really Is Skin-Deep* (vs. 27-28). During time of feasts, like Passover, tombs and grave were painted white to prevent visitors from contacting something unclean. Contact with a dead body made one ceremoniously unclean for the feast. To protect visitors who traveled great lengths to Jerusalem, the leaders took great care to mark the tombs and graves with white paint. They were beautiful to behold. However stunning the tombs and graves where to look at, inside the tombs and graves will filled with rotten corruption. And so were these religious leaders.

Habit #7: *Misplaced Pride in Religious Heritage* (vs. 29-32). Israel held great pride in their history. But like most people's national pride, they elevated the positive and ignore the negative. For Israel, they built monuments to the prophets of old, but here they were plotting to kill Jesus. Propping up any heritage means one must embrace the evil that comes with that heritage.

Jesus saves his harshest words for those spiritual leaders who have warped Scripture to secure their own position and power over the people they are called to serve. What these spiritual leaders cannot comprehend is how their actions are destroying the very hope they're advocating. Of course it's always easier to see the hypocrisy in others and to ignore our own hypocrisy (Mt. 7:3-5).

Soli Deo Gloria!

Have a great week! :) God Bless!