

“Warning! Look at Their Hands—2”

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Matthew 23:13-33

INTRODUCTION

- “woe”
- “hypocrite”

TEST RESULT #1: Leadership...failed! (23:13)

TEST RESULT #2: Value to others...failed! (23:15)

TEST RESULT #3: Truth...failed! (23:16-22)

- do you stretch, shrink, ignore, deny...or pursue truth?
Mt. 5:34-37; Eph. 5:25

TEST RESULT #4: Priorities...failed! (23:23-24)

- tithing from God’s provision
Lev. 27:30; Deut. 14:22ff
- Jesus’ rebuke: amplifying the insignificant to the trivialization of the essentials
Mic. 6:8

“Besides the noble art of getting things done, there is the noble art of leaving things undone. The wisdom of life consists in the elimination of nonessentials.” – *Lin Yutang*
“Anything less than a conscious commitment to the important is an unconscious commitment to the unimportant.”

– *Steven Covey*

“The cost of a thing is the amount of what I call life which is required to be exchanged for it, immediately or in the long run.”

– *Henry David Thoreau*

TEST RESULT #5: Selflessness...failed! (23:25-26)

- image: elegant dinner setting, rancid food

TEST RESULT #6: Morality...failed! (23:27-28)

- whitewashing to prevent contamination

“Sleep with clean hands, either kept clean all day by integrity or washed clean at night by repentance.” – *John Donne*

TEST RESULT #7: Loyalty...failed! (23:29-33)

CONCLUSION

- Would you pass Jesus’ test?
- God isn’t interested in how you feel about your circumstances; He’s interested in you reflecting His character in those circumstances. For the Christian life is not about me...it’s about God.