

A WARNING ABOUT COUNTERFEIT SPIRITUAL LEADERS
(Matthew 23:1-12)

- I. Defining the _____ of the _____ (Matt. 23:1-2a)
 - A. Addressed to “the _____” and “His _____” (23:1)
 - B. Critiquing “the _____ and the _____” (23:2b)

- II. Describing the _____ of the _____ Leaders (Matt. 23:2b-7)
 - A. The false leaders lack _____ (23:2b)
 - 1. They _____ to have the authority of _____
 - 2. They were never _____ that authority by _____
 - B. The false leaders lack _____ (23:3)
 - 1. Some of what they _____ is _____ and should be _____
 - 2. The way they _____ should not be _____
 - C. The false leaders lack _____ (23:4)
 - 1. They demanded people carry _____ regulatory _____

- 2. They compounded it with a burden of _____
- 3. They _____ to offer _____ with the _____

D. The false leaders lack _____ (23:5)

- 1. They had _____ in pleasing _____
- 2. They did _____ to be _____ by _____

E. The false leaders lack _____ (23:6-7)

- 1. They craved _____ at _____
- 2. They expected _____ in _____ places

III. Declaring His _____ to the _____ Leaders (Matt. 23:8-12)

A. True leaders do not seek _____ (23:8-10)

- 1. Only _____ is to be _____
- 2. We in _____ are all _____

B. True leaders accept _____ (23:11-12)

- 1. _____ yourself will lead to _____
- 2. _____ yourself will lead to _____