

MINISTERIAL ETHICS

MATTHEW 23: 1-12

Introduction:

Jesus pointed to the scribes and Pharisees as an example of how not to do it.

They were very effective in making clear what others should do, but very negligent in practicing what they preached. This is always a pitfall for those who are called into ministry.

In the process of pointing out the bad example of the scribes, Jesus laid down some ministerial guidelines for His apostles, and those who would come after them.

1. WE SHOULD NOT DRESS IN SUCH A WAY AS TO CALL ATTENTION TO OUR CALLING. (V. 5)
2. WE SHOULD NOT COVET THE SEATS OF HONOR WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE COME TOGETHER. (V. 6)
3. WE SHOULD AVOID TITLES THAT SET US APART FROM THE PEOPLE. (V. 7-9)
4. WE SHOULD NOT SET OURSELVES UP AS RELIGIOUS AUTHORITIES. (V. 10)
5. WE SHOULD BE A SERVANT TO ALL. (V. 11-12)