

WHAT LEADERS ARE NOT TO BE

Commands for His Leaders

Matthew 23:8-12

I. Review: REMEMBER THE TRUE NATURE OF FALSE RELIGIOUS LEADERS: Jesus warns the people by unveiling the hypocritical, self-elevating false leaders (1-7)

II. DO NOT BE LIKE THOSE SELF SEEKING GLORY LOVING PRIDEFUL FALSE LEADERS WHO USURP GOD'S AUTHORITY AND GLORY: In contrast to their wicked leaders, Jesus commands His disciples not to be like them in taking authoritative religious titles that truly describe God alone (8-10)

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B. Jesus illustrates with three areas false religious leaders pridefully usurp God's authority and glory, that which we are never to usurp!

1. Only God's Spirit is the authoritative Teacher (8, misc. passages)

2. Only God the Father is our spiritual Father, we are all brothers (9, misc. passages)

3. Only Christ is our authoritative Leader (10, misc. passages)

III. INSTEAD, GOD' LEADERS ARE TO BE GENUINELY HUMBLE SERVANTS, because He will humble the prideful and exalt the lowly (11-12)

A. God' leaders are to be humble servants (11)

B. Realize God will humble the prideful and exalt the humble (12)