

**JESUS' VIEW OF FALSE RELIGIOUS LEADERS -- PT 3**  
**WOE TO HYPOCRITES WHO FOCUS ON THE INSIGNIFICANT AND IN THEIR**  
**BLINDNESS MISS THE MOST IMPORTANT PROVISIONS OF HIS WORD**  
**Matthew 23:23-24**

**I. FALSE RELIGIOUS LEADERS FOCUS ON THE UNIMPORTANT TO THE EXCLUSION OF WHAT GOD SAYS REALLY MATTERS: Jesus pronounces eternal condemnation on the hypocritical false religious leaders because they tithe even their kitchen spices yet neglect the important portions of Scripture (23)**

**A. The blind hypocrites focus on the unimportant yet are woefully neglect the important realities of His Word (23a)**

1. They hypocritically tried to appear observant of the Law with their ridiculous tithing (23a)

2. **A side note on tithing and giving in the New Testament** (misc. Scriptures)  
(a) Tithing in the NT?

(b) Giving in the NT

3. They neglected what was really important in His Word, being thieves and cheats, devoting widows and caring nothing for the poor and not keeping their word, being liars. (23a)

**B. They ought to have been just, merciful and faithful (23b)**

**II. AN ILLUSTRATION THAT REVEALS THEIR SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS: Jesus uses hyperbole to illustrate how spiritually blind these condemned leaders are (24)**