



RICH TOWARDS GOD

How do we become rich towards God?

WORDS OF JESUS

- **Righteousness is more than Pharisees & Scribes**

19 Whoever then breaks or does away with or relaxes one of the least [important] of these commandments and teaches men so shall be called least [important] in the kingdom of heaven, but he who practices them and teaches others to do so shall be called great in the kingdom of heaven.

20 For I tell you, unless your righteousness (your uprightness and your right standing with God) is more than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Matthew 5:19-20 AMPC

- **Least Commandments**

Jesus says whoever breaks the LEAST or LESSER commandments and teaches others with be called LEAST in the Kingdom of Heaven.



WORDS OF JESUS

- **More about the Pharisees**

Then Jesus said to the multitudes and to His disciples,

2 The scribes and Pharisees sit on Moses' seat [of authority].

3 So observe and practice all they tell you; but do not do what they do, for they preach, but do not practice.

4 They tie up heavy loads, hard to bear, and place them on men's shoulders, but they themselves will not lift a finger to help bear them.

5 They do all their works to be seen of men; for they make wide their phylacteries (small cases enclosing certain Scripture passages, worn during prayer on the left arm and forehead) and make long their fringes [worn by all male Israelites, according to the command].

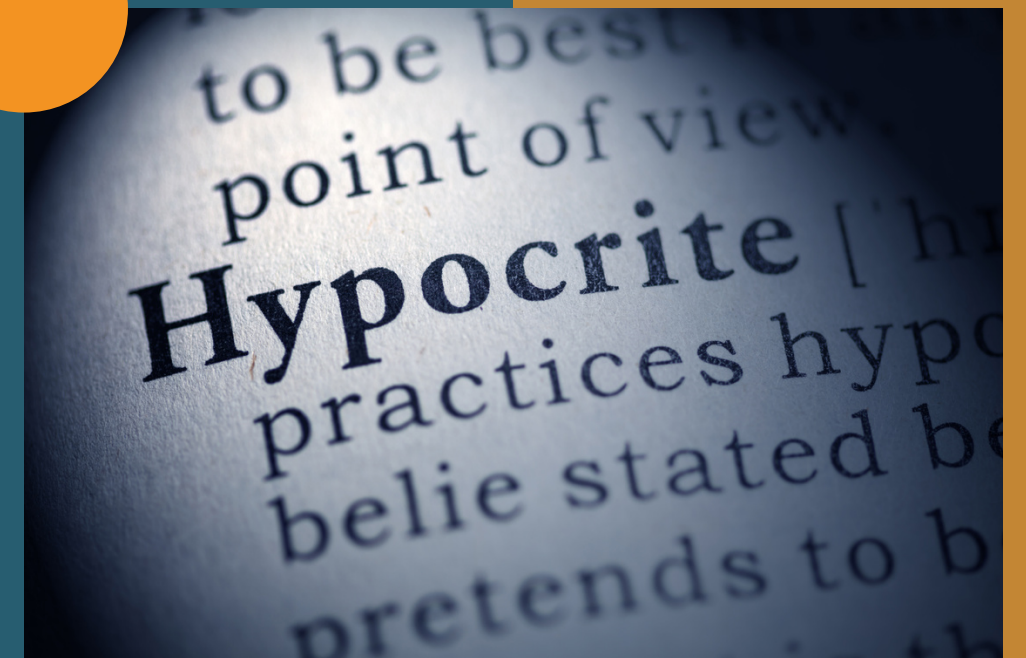
Matthew 23:1-5 AMPC

- **They Disregard the Greater Commands**

23 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, pretenders (hypocrites)! For you give a tenth of your mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected and omitted the weightier (more important) matters of the Law—right and justice and mercy and fidelity.

These you ought [particularly] to have done, without neglecting the others.

Matthew 23:23 AMPC



WORDS OF JESUS

- Pharisees neglect the Love of God & Justice

42 But woe to you, Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every [little] herb, but disregard and neglect justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done without leaving the others undone.

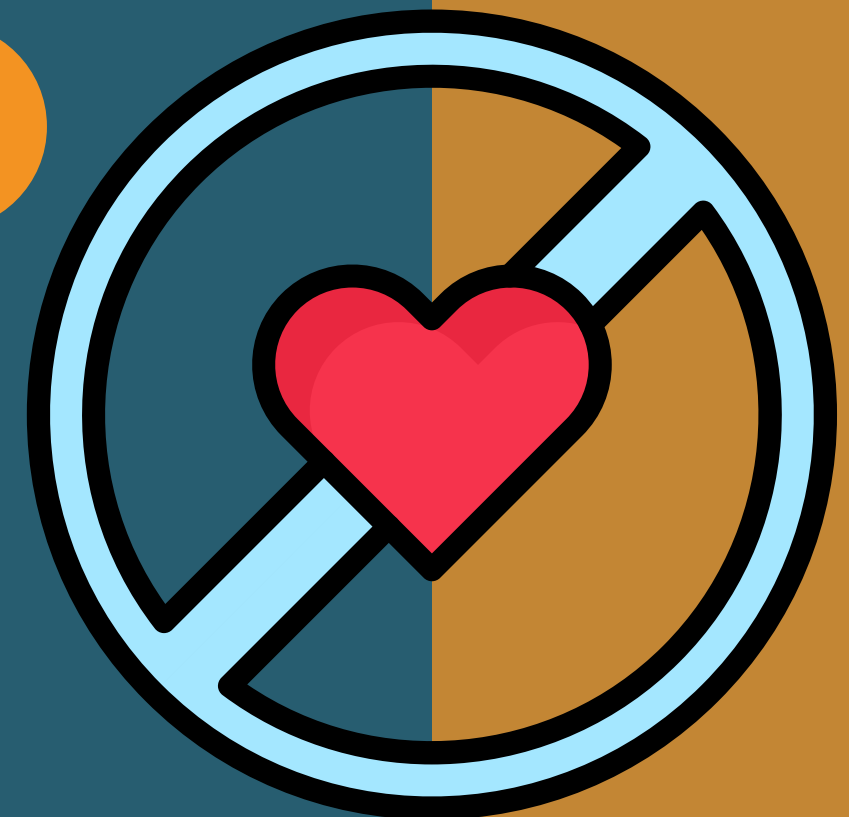
Luke 11:42 AMPC

- Pharisees obeyed the LESSER Commands but Disobeyed the GREATER Commands

The Pharisees paid tithes but did not have the love of God in them or love for their neighbor.

The Pharisees preached the commands of God but did NOT DO them.

The Pharisees also did not believe in Jesus as the Christ and Son of God.



WORDS OF JESUS

- **Parable of the Rich Man**

16 Then He told them a parable, saying, The land of a rich man was fertile and yielded plentifully.

17 And he considered and debated within himself, What shall I do? I have no place [in which] to gather together my harvest.

18 And he said, I will do this: I will pull down my storehouses and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain or produce and my goods.

19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have many good things laid up, [enough] for many years. Take your ease; eat, drink, and enjoy yourself merrily.

20 But God said to him, You fool! This very night they [the messengers of God] will demand your soul of you; and all the things that you have prepared, whose will they be?

21 So it is with the one who continues to lay up and hoard possessions for himself and is not rich [in his relation] to God [this is how he fares].

Luke 12:16-21 AMPC



HEAVENLY ACCOUNT

- Abraham's Account

3 For what does the Scripture say? Abraham believed in (trusted in) God, and it was credited to his account as righteousness (right living and right standing with God).

Romans 4:3 AMPC

21 Fully satisfied and assured that God was able and mighty to keep His word and to do what He had promised.

22 That is why his faith was credited to him as righteousness (right standing with God).

Romans 4:21-22 AMPC



BANK ACCOUNT



WORDS OF JESUS

- **Jesus & John the Baptist**

13 Then Jesus came from Galilee to the Jordan to John to be baptized by him.

14 But John protested strenuously, having in mind to prevent Him, saying, It is I who have need to be baptized by You, and do You come to me?

15 But Jesus replied to him, Permit it just now; for this is the fitting way for [both of] us to fulfill all righteousness [that is, to perform completely whatever is right]. Then he permitted Him.

Matthew 3:13-15 AMPC



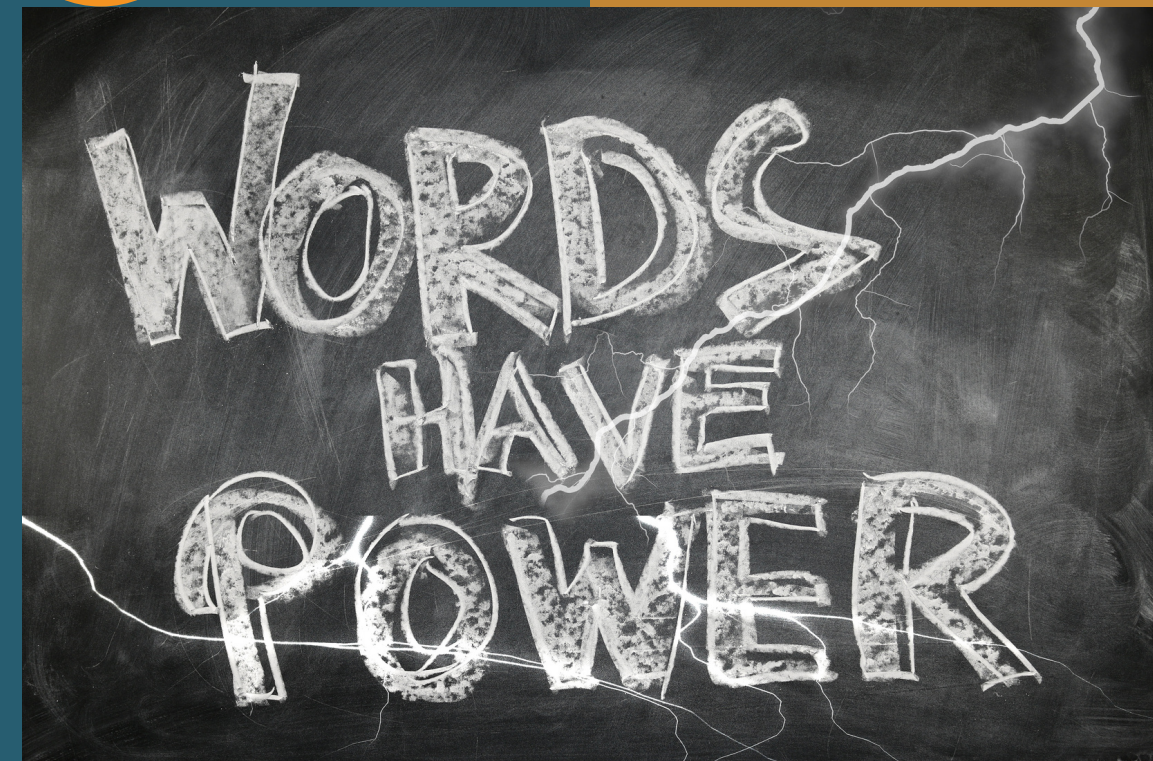
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- Giving An Account of Our Words on Judgement Day

36 But I tell you, on the day of judgment men will have to give account for every idle (inoperative, nonworking) word they speak.

37 For by your words you will be justified and acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned and sentenced.

Matthew 12:36-37 AMPC



WORDS OF JESUS

- **Parable of the Talents**

14 For it is like a man who was about to take a long journey, and he called his servants together and entrusted them with his property.

15 To one he gave five talents [probably about \$5,000], to another two, to another one—to each in proportion to his own [a]personal ability. Then he departed and left the country.

16 He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he gained five talents more.

17 And likewise he who had received the two talents—he also gained two talents more.

18 But he who had received the one talent went and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.

19 Now after a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them.

Matthew 25:14-19 AMPC



BE RICH WITH GOD

- **Obey Jesus' Commands**

I am the True Vine, and My Father is the Vinedresser.

2 Any branch in Me that does not bear fruit [that stops bearing] He cuts away (trims off, takes away); and He cleanses and repeatedly prunes every branch that continues to bear fruit, to make it bear more and richer and more excellent fruit.

3 You are cleansed and pruned already, because of the word which I have given you [the teachings I have discussed with you].

John 15:1-3 AMPC

10 If you keep My commandments [if you continue to obey My instructions], you will abide in My love and live on in it, just as I have obeyed My Father's commandments and live on in His love.

John 15:10 AMPC



BE RICH WITH GOD

- **Walk In The Spirit**

22 But the fruit of the [Holy] Spirit [the work which His presence within accomplishes] is love, joy (gladness), peace, patience (an even temper, forbearance), kindness, goodness (benevolence), faithfulness,

23 Gentleness (meekness, humility), self-control (self-restraint, continence). Against such things there is no law [that can bring a charge].

24 And those who belong to Christ Jesus (the Messiah) have crucified the flesh (the godless human nature) with its passions and appetites and desires.

Galatians 5:22-24 AMPC

