



Do You Know ~~About~~ Jesus? (Part 13) Seven Woes & Words Written to Leaders Pastor Ryan Bunbury March 27, 2022

SERIES TEXT: Eternal life is to know you, the only true God, and TO KNOW JESUS CHRIST, the one you sent." - Jesus, John 17:3 CEV

SERIES BIG IDEA: Knowing Jesus is the key to knowing eternal hope, joy and peace in your life.

"According to sociologists, even the most isolated individual will influence 10,000 other people during his or her lifetime." - John C. Maxwell

Why does Jeremiah's leadership influence matter?

- "... echo to the ends of the earth." - The Lord, Jeremiah 25:31 GNT
- "Get a scroll and write down everything I've told you... Maybe the community... will finally get it... Maybe, just maybe, they'll start praying... Maybe they'll TURN BACK..." Jeremiah 36: 2-3; 7 MSG
- ... and MANY similar WORDS were ADDED to them. Jeremiah 36:32 NASB

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SEVEN WOES & WORDS WRITTEN TO LEADERS

I. WILL I LEAD WITH HYPOCRISY OR INTEGRITY?

- "Woe to you..." Matthew 23:13, 15, 16, 23, 25, 27, 29 NIV
- SYNONYMS for "woe": Calamity, catastrophe, sadness, sorrow, regret, unhappiness, doom & gloom, **disaster**
- "You are to be different from that." - Jesus, Matthew 23:8a TPT
- "... they tell you one thing and do another. They tie on your backs an oppressive burden of religious obligations and insist that you carry them, but will never lift a finger to help ease your load." - Jesus, Matthew 23:3b-4 TPT

Jesus encourages us to turnaround & flip the script.

- ANTONYMS for "woe": Success, advantage, joy, peace, contentment, happiness, favor, **blessing**

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II. WILL I LEAD WITH SUPERFICIALITY OR AUTHENTICITY?

- "Everything they do is done for show and to be noticed by others." - Jesus, Matthew 23:5a TPT
- Who are you when nobody is looking?
- "You are to be different from that." - Jesus, Matthew 23:8a TPT
- "The greatest [leader] among you will be the one who always serves others." - Jesus, Matthew 23:11 TPT

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III. WILL I LEAD WITH HAUGHTINESS OR HUMILITY?

- "... flowery prayers," "... prominent positions," "... public flattery..." Matthew 23:6-7 MSG
- "Don't let people do that to you, put you on a pedestal like that." Matthew 23:8a MSG

- HUMILITY 101: Always seek to exalt Jesus, rather than yourself.
- “Remember this: If you have a lofty opinion of yourself and seek to be honored, you will be humbled. But if you have a modest opinion of yourself and choose to humble yourself, you will be honored.” - Jesus, Matthew 23:12 TPT

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IV. WILL I LEAD WITH A CALLOUSED HEART OR WITH COMPASSION?

- “You shut the kingdom of heaven in men’s faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to.” - Jesus, Matthew 23:13 NIV
- **ADVICE: Soften your heart and harden your feet.**
- “O Jerusalem, Jerusalem... So many times I have longed to gather a wayward people, as a hen gathers her chicks under her wings – but you were too stubborn to let me.” - Jesus, Matthew 23:37 TPT
- Who is someone you can take under your wing?

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V. WILL I LEAD PETTY-MINDED OR WITH VISION?

- “What ridiculous hairsplitting!” - Jesus, Matthew 23:19 MSG
- I might be a “hairsplitter” if:
 - 1) Winning the argument is more important than winning the person
 - 2) I always have the last word
 - 3) I am defensive and prone to disagree
- “You are to be different from that.” - Jesus, Matthew 23:8a TPT
- 3 Practical Helps to Lead Yourself & Others:
 - 1) Concentrate on the important issues
 - 2) Pray for a God-sized vision
 - 3) Don’t be sidetracked

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VI. WILL I LEAD LEGALISTICALLY OR WITH A JESUS-CENTERED FOCUS?

- “... You are obsessed with peripheral issues, like insisting on paying meticulous tithes on the smallest herbs that grow in your gardens. These matters are fine, yet you ignore the most important duties of all: to walk in the **LOVE of God**, to display **MERCY to others**, and to live with **INTEGRITY**. READJUST YOUR VALUES and place **FIRST THINGS FIRST**.” - Jesus, Matthew 23:23 TPT

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VII. WILL I LEAD WITH GREED OR GENEROSITY?

- On a 1-10 scale, are you generous?
- “You are like one who only will only wipe clean the outside of a cup or bowl, leaving the inside filthy. You are foolish to ignore the greed and self-indulgence that live like germs within you. You are blind to your evil. Shouldn’t the one who cleans the outside also be concerned with cleaning the inside? ...You need **CLEAN HEARTS!**” - Jesus, Matthew 23:25-26 TPT

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