

International Bible Lesson

Five Applications from Matthew 23:1-4, 23-26

1. Evaluate what those in authority say and do using prayer and the Bible as your guide instead of merely following human laws and traditions.
2. Just because someone important or influential does something, that does not make it right or something you should do too.
3. Put matters in perspective. Put first things first.
4. Don't major on minor issues or criticize others for minor problems while ignoring the need for justice, mercy, and faithfulness within your own life.
5. Woe, anguish, and distress awaits those who are full of greed and self-indulgence instead of being full of the love of Christ and His Spirit,

Your Application — Your Takeaway Notes

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