

You're Going to Get It!

When have you given someone a “piece of your mind”?

Read Matthew 23:1-39.

1. Who interprets the Bible for you?
 - A. I figure it out on my own.
 - B. Nobody.
 - C. I get my input straight from God.
 - D. My pastor.
 - E. My parents/guardians.
 - F. The internet.
 - G. Lots of sources—it's hard to narrow it to one.
 - H. My Youth Sabbath School teacher(s).
 - I. Other.

2. Who are your religious role models?
 - A. A parent/guardian.
 - B. People at my church.
 - C. Older people.
 - D. Wiser people.
 - E. People who live out their faith by serving others.
 - F. Younger people—Jesus told us to be like little children.
 - G. People close to me.
 - H. Bible characters.
 - I. I don't really have religious role models.
 - J. Other.

3. What do you tithe?
 - A. What is tithe?
 - B. None of your business.
 - C. My allowance.
 - D. Whatever I get paid for the work I do.
 - E. Whatever I want, whenever I want.
 - F. My time—sometimes I volunteer.
 - G. Whenever I give some type of donation I consider that to be my tithe.
 - H. Other.

4. Which of the “seven woes” Jesus gave in Matthew 23 do you identify with the most? Put a ✓ by the top one(s) and a – by those that don’t apply to you. If it’s too personal, just leave it blank:

- _____ Verse 13: Keeping people out of the kingdom of heaven
- _____ Verse 15: Making converts worse than hypocritical religious leaders
- _____ Verse 16: Splitting hairs for one’s own advantage
- _____ Verse 23: Majoring in minors (and missing the majors)
- _____ Verse 25: Hypocrisy—Clean outside, but dirty inside
- _____ Verse 27: Hypocrisy—Parking outside; dead inside
- _____ Verse 29: Hypocrisy—Justifying the mistakes of your church

5. What did Jesus mean, “Your house is left to you desolate”?

- A. Nobody was home.
- B. Everyone would be fleeing.
- C. God would leave His people.
- D. The religious leaders would lose their following.
- E. The temple would be without God’s presence.
- F. Rome would destroy Jerusalem and the temple.
- G. What they had was totally empty; worthless.
- H. Consider your house being up for sale and empty; no furniture.
- I. Other.

6. From reading Matthew 23, what are your impressions of Jesus?

- A. Jesus can get very angry.
- B. Jesus is meek and mild.
- C. I think this is why Jesus had to die.
- D. I think this is why the leaders decided to kill Jesus.
- E. This seems so unlike Jesus.
- F. Even Jesus “lost it” sometimes (see also [Mt. Matthew 16:23](#)).
- G. This is another example of something the disciples won’t understand.
- H. Warning comes before judgment, and judgment is coming.
- I. Other.

7. When/how do you at times act like a “mother hen”? When/how does Jesus gather you under His wings like a mother hen does her chicks?

8. What makes a person look spiritual on the outside? Be spiritual on the inside?