

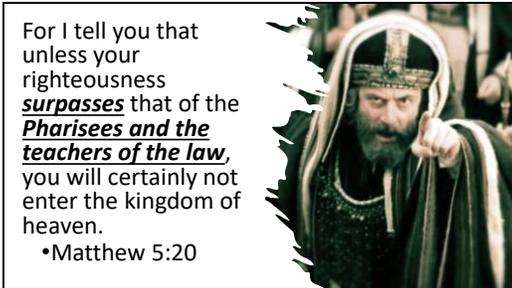


Religion is 2 kinds of people trying to do the same thing. Sort of like syringes.



Very different contents

Very different contents – Jesus says that religious people are trying to get control/power using God



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•Matthew 5:20

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Surpasses – more all around, to go beyond what's expected

Both religious and Jesus followers doing the same things but with very different motives.

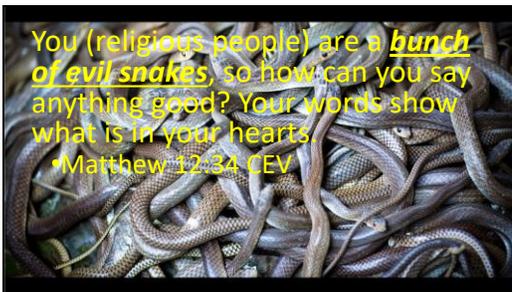


- Trees
- Houses
- Giving

Think about it, Jesus' compared Trees, Houses, Giving. Two different kinds with very different internal thinking/reasons/motivations

Gospel Goodness is in response to who God is and what he's done

Religious Righteousness is trying to make them look good, earning God's favor



You (religious people) are a **bunch of evil snakes**, so how can you say anything good? Your words show what is in your hearts.
•Matthew 12:34 CEV

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Brood of vipers – children of snakes, morally hopeless, their smooth exterior, the outward legal strictness of the Pharisees, and the worldly decorum of the Sadducees, lay hidden malice and venom, but also that this is due to their very nature.

You-Pharisees, vs 24



Jesus is bringing it. No holds barred.



Matthew 23

Not exactly gentle Jesus meek and mild.

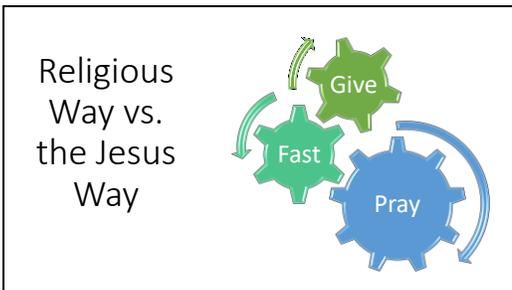


Smug

Religious people are smug – they are in power, in control.



Jesus isn't comparing evil and good people, but Religious and Jesus Followers



Religious Way vs. the Jesus Way

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Pray – on the street to get attention or in your closet?
Fasting – to make people think you're holy or hide it from people because it's from God.
Giving – to impress people or done in secret for eternal perspective.



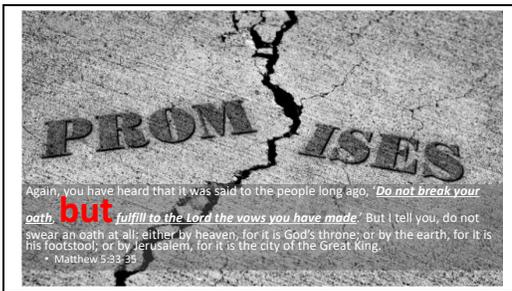
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 •Matthew 5:27,28

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You shall not commit adultery'- Law, no doubt.
But – in contrast
anyone who looks at a woman lustfully – nobody knows.



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 •Matthew 5:31,32

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But – contrast
except for sexual immorality – done in secret



Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, '**Do not break your oath**' **but** **fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.**' **But** I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God's throne; or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King.
 • Matthew 5:33-35

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Do not break your oath, - make in public
but – contrast
fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made. – internal, private vows/promise



You have heard that it was said, '**Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth.**' **But** I tell you, **do not resist an evil person.** If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, **turn to them the other cheek** also.
 •Matthew 5:38,39

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Eye for eye, and tooth for tooth. – law, public
But – contrast
do not resist an evil person. – internal attitude
turn to them the other cheek – not to get slapped again, but...



Turn the other cheek

Turn the other cheek – reconnect and reestablish loving relationship again.

You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' **But** I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven.
• Matthew 5:43-45



You have heard that it was said, 'Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' **But** I tell you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. Love your neighbor and hate your enemy. – not from the gospel of the Godfather, keep your friends close and your enemies closer.

But – contrast

love your enemies – want nothing but God's best for them

pray for those who persecute you – where do you pray? Alone.

Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.
• Matthew 5:48



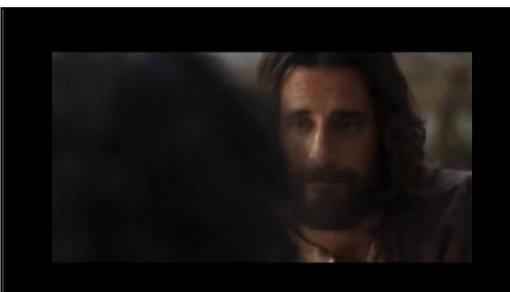
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perfect, - fully mature, well rounded, balanced.

your heavenly Father – we have a heavenly father. Jesus has really limited patience for religious people.



Religious Way vs. the Jesus Way – But he has unbelievable love and grace for the humble, even if they are untouchable to the rest of the world.



What did he do to deserve healing? To earn it? Nothing. Only faith to want it.



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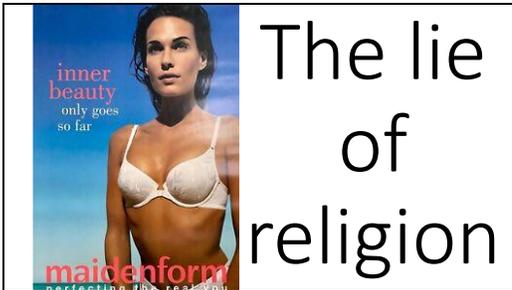
He's a Father and not a Boss – obey God out of loving relationship.

Boss-obey, boss. Disobey-fired
Father-obey, father. Disobey-still father
And the religious just can't stand it.



This will be reported. Blogged and posted. It's all about externals with religious people.

Picture is a bit edgy. It's not about the picture but about the message it's selling - Maidenform Inner Beauty Original 1990's Advertising Poster



The lie of religion – inner beauty only goes so far.



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• Matthew 6:33

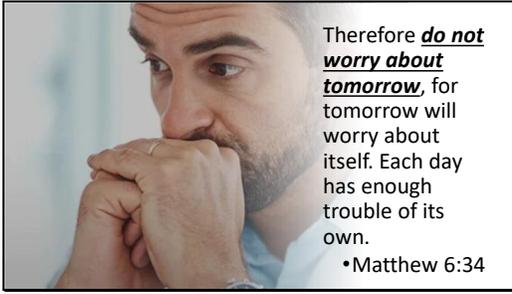
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Seek first – above everything else

Alex Honnold, Free Solo



He studied, tested, made notes, took it seriously because the rewards were so great and failure was catastrophic.



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do not worry about tomorrow, - tomorrow is outside our control