

*Dealing with Difficult People*

## Confronting the Phony (Matthew 23)

### The Characteristic of Hypocrites (vs 1-14)

1. They make no attempt to \_\_\_\_\_ what they \_\_\_\_\_ (v 3)
2. They are concerned about \_\_\_\_\_ more than character (v 5)
3. They are proud of \_\_\_\_\_ symbols (vs 6-12)
4. They \_\_\_\_\_ others from entering the kingdom (v 13)

### The Rebuke of Hypocrisy

1. Jesus rebuked hypocrites in the \_\_\_\_\_ terms (vs 15-37)
2. When you read Jesus' stern rebuke, remember...
  - 1) This was a rebuke to \_\_\_\_\_ people
  - 2) This was a rebuke to religious \_\_\_\_\_

- 3) This was a rebuke to religious people who had every \_\_\_\_\_ to believe

### The Response to Hypocrisy

1. Love demands that you \_\_\_\_\_ them
  - 1) If you really care about people, you personally \_\_\_\_\_ them when they're in \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) Be prepared for them to initially become \_\_\_\_\_
2. Do so according to Biblical instructions (Matthew 18.15-17):
  - 1) Go to the person by \_\_\_\_\_
  - 2) If there's no repentance, get someone else who \_\_\_\_\_ the offender to \_\_\_\_\_ you and go again
  - 3) If there's still no repentance, begin to involve the \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4) If there's still no repentance, treat that person as you would a \_\_\_\_\_
3. Confront with the goal of \_\_\_\_\_ (1 Corinthians 5; 2 Corinthians 2.6-8)

**Additional Scriptures cited:** Galatians 6.1; Colossians 3.16