

## **Matthew 23:1-12**

Jesus calls his followers to not “big themselves up”, but instead to *give themselves away*.

At the end of ch.22 Jesus says the first and greatest commandment is to, “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.” And the second is, “Love your neighbour as yourself.”

How does Jesus reveal that the Pharisees have utterly failed to keep the two most important commandments?

Whose praise and approval are the Pharisees after? How is this demonstrated in their behaviour?

How can we subtly fall into a similar trap as the Pharisees?

Read Matthew 11:28-30 and Matthew 20:26-28.

How is Jesus so different from the Pharisees?

According to vs11 what traits should characterise Jesus’ followers? What is to motivate such behaviour?