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**In life we often find ourselves knowing the truth but not following the truth. This can sometimes happen with the word of God. We will see some people in church that will not make it to heaven. The most common reason is they are hedging their bets. Look at the Pharisees of Jesus' time. They were so learned on the word of God but did not know Him.**

**Matthew 23:13**

**New International Version**

**Seven Woes on the Teachers of the Law and the Pharisees**

**<sup>13</sup> “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You shut the door of the kingdom of heaven in people’s faces. You yourselves do not enter, nor will you let those enter who are trying to.**

**How you ask d they shut the door? Well for starters they invent over 600 laws that they cannot even follow. Expecting you to come to them to understand them. They created a Job for them to translate it but did not follow. To do the minimal to try to get into heaven.**

**Matthew 23:1-5**

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**A Warning Against Hypocrisy**

**23 Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples: <sup>2</sup> “The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat. <sup>3</sup> So you must be careful to do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for**

**they do not practice what they preach. <sup>4</sup> They tie up heavy, cumbersome loads and put them on other people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them.**

**<sup>5</sup> “Everything they do is done for people to see: They make their phylacteries<sup>[a]</sup> wide and the tassels on their garments long;**

**Another way is to say one thing and do another. Well sometimes tell our kids to do as we say and not as we do. What example is this? We teach them to do something wrong is ok if you cover it.**

### **Prayer**

**<sup>5</sup> “And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.**

**Following His word,**

**Chaplain Tony**