

CTS Sunday School November 8, 2020

Matthew 23: 1-13

In today's Bible reading Jesus talks with his disciples and a crowd of people who had gathered. He told them not to follow the poor example set by the Pharisees. Jesus said that the Pharisees knew the Jewish law. The problem was that the Pharisees did not match their own actions to what they told others to do. Jesus told the group that people should do what the Pharisees said (follow Jewish law) but do not follow the Pharisees' poor example of action.

Jesus also told the disciples and people in the crowd to look at the reason they did "good deeds". The Pharisees wanted people to see what they were doing so that they looked smart and important. They were showing off. Their reasons were selfish rather than because they wanted to honor God.

Jesus wants us to do good works even when no one is watching. He wants us to be humble, not showing off. We know that God has given each of us special talents or skills that we can use to help others. When we use these talents or skills to help others, we are honoring God.

Activities:

1. What are some things that you are good at?
2. How can you use these talents/skills to help others?
3. Are there things that you can do even while we need to stay at home, physically distant from others?