



Series: "How The Good Go Bad"

Message: "Zeal or No Zeal?"

Text: Matthew 23

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### ZEAL: GOOD OR BAD?

Pharisees: Spiritual Zeal Characterized By...

- A hunger for God's Word
- A passion for God's Glory
- A drive to Convert Others
- A commitment to Spiritual Disciplines
- An obsession with Holiness

*"Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord."*

Romans 12:11

### ZEAL GONE BAD...

Beware of "Spirituality" That Results in...

- Looking Down on others  
Luke 18:9-14
- Hypocrisy and a desire to Impress others  
Luke 12:1-3; Matthew 6:1
- Majoring on Minors  
Luke 6:1-12
- Extra-Biblical Rules  
Mark 7:1-8; Colossians 2:20-23
- A disdain for "Sinners"

Matthew 9:10-13

**ZEAL DONE RIGHT...**

**Spiritual zeal that is tempered by Love, Mercy, and Humility**

*“He has showed you, O man, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”*

Micah 6:8