

POISONOUS RELIGION

Matthew 16:1-12

"Sanctify them
by the Truth.
Your Word is
Truth"
John 17:17

I. Introduction

II. An example of poisonous religion. 1-4

A. Poisonous religion is not concerned with the truth.

B. Poisonous religion is man-centered. 1

C. Poisonous religion understands the temporal, but not the eternal. 2-4

III. Jesus' warning. 5-12

A. We are often just like the disciples.

B. Though the disciples missed the point initially, they understood the warning after Jesus' relatively mild rebuke of them.

C. What is the leaven of the Sadducees and Pharisees?

IV. The warning that Jesus gave to His disciples is one that all of us must also heed.

A. Be a truth seeker.

B. Recognize that poisonous teaching is enticing by design.

C. Which do we understand more about: the temporal things of this earthly life or the things of God?

V. Conclusion