

## Handling Toxic People

*Their poison is like the poison of snakes. Psalm 54:8*

*Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees. Luke 12:1*

### TEN TRAITS OF TOXIC RELIGION

1. \_\_\_\_\_

*The Pharisee was shocked and somewhat offended when he saw that Jesus didn't wash up for meals. Luke 11:38*

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*They pile up back breaking burdens and they lay them on other people's shoulders. Yet they themselves will not lift a finger to move them. Matthew 23:4*

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*That's why Jesus said to these kind of people. You choke on a gnat but you swallow a camel. Matthew 23:24*

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*The Pharisees complained that Jesus was associating with despicable people, even eating with them. Luke 15:2*

*They accused Jesus, saying, "You're a drunk, a glutton, a friend of tax collectors and sinners. Luke 7:34*

Be like Jesus: Spend enough time with sinners to ruin your reputation with religious people.

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*He who belittles and despises his neighbor lacks sense. Proverbs 11:12*

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*Flattery is a form of hatred and it wounds cruelly.* **Proverbs 26:28**

*Those who give false praise to others are setting a trap for them.* **Proverbs 29:5**

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*The Pharisees were on Jesus again pressing Him to prove Himself to them.* **Matthew 16:1**

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*Anyone who spreads gossip is a fool.* **Proverbs 10:18**

*Do not associate with anyone who gossips.* **Proverbs 20:19**

### WHAT MAKES A PERSON TOXIC?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

*It was out of envy they handed Jesus over to Pilate.* **Mark 15:10**

2. \_\_\_\_\_

*Be careful so that no root of bitterness grows up among you.* **Hebrews 12:15**

### WHAT DO YOU DO?

1. \_\_\_\_\_

*If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone.* **Romans 12:13**

-- I Didn't \_\_\_\_\_ It

-- I Can't \_\_\_\_\_ It

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2. \_\_\_\_\_

*The Pharisees went out and they plotted how they might kill Jesus. Aware of this, Jesus withdrew from that place.* **Matthew 12:14-15**

3. \_\_\_\_\_

God doesn't want you to be aggressive or passive or passive-aggressive.