



“Scribal Scrutiny”
A Look at Luke
Luke 20:45-21:4
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“If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me.” Luke 9:23

Scribes:

Ezra 7:11, Matthew 23:1-35

Four Lessons from Jesus’ Scrutinization of the Scribes:

1. Do not pursue Pious APPEARANCES.

Matt 11:8, Jam 2:2-4, Matt 23:5, Deut 11:18, Num 15:38-40, Luke 6:12, 1 Pet 2:9, Rom 13:14, Eph 6:11, Col 3:12

2. Do not pursue Peoples’ AFFIRMATION.

Esther 6:6-10, Ephesians 4:29

3. Do not pursue Public ADMIRATION.

Luke 14:8, John 12:43, 1 Corinthians 4:5, Zephaniah 3:17

4. Do not pursue Personal AMBITION.

Deut 26:12-13, 1 Tim 5:3, James 1:27, Luke 9:23, 12:47-48

Questions to Consider:

- **Do I possess a superficial appearance or is it rooted in Christ?**
- **Am I prone to need other’s affirmation or am I source of encouragement for others?**
- **Do I long more for the praise of men or the praise of God?**
- **Am I driven by selfish ambitions in this world or by self-denial before Christ?**