

LAMPLIGHTERS INTERNATIONAL – DISCIPLE-MAKER TIP #13
TITLE: "AVOIDING THE MISHNAH"

In the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7) Jesus repeatedly made statements such as, "You have heard it said, but I say to you..." "Again you have heard it said..." (cf. Matt. 5:21, 27, 33, 43, et al). During Jesus' day, the religious leaders focused their spiritual attention on the writings of the eminent rabbis (commonly known as the Mishnah and Gemara). Jesus wisely pointed the people back to God's Word. "The people were astonished at His teaching for He taught as one having authority, not as the scribes." (Matt. 7:28-29)

You can teach or lead with authority if you focus on teaching God's Word. Unfortunately, the church today often repeats the error the scribes committed 2000 years ago. Rather than studying God's Word (and helping believers understand His Word), we can be tempted to study endless Christian books.

The Lamplighters International discipleship ministry draws people into the Bible, rather than away from it. If you are leading a Bible Study, remember to begin each meeting by reading the Bible together and studying it together. Only God's Word has the power to change lives for His glory every time you meet.

Please know that I am praying for you as you lead others to know and love God and His Word.

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