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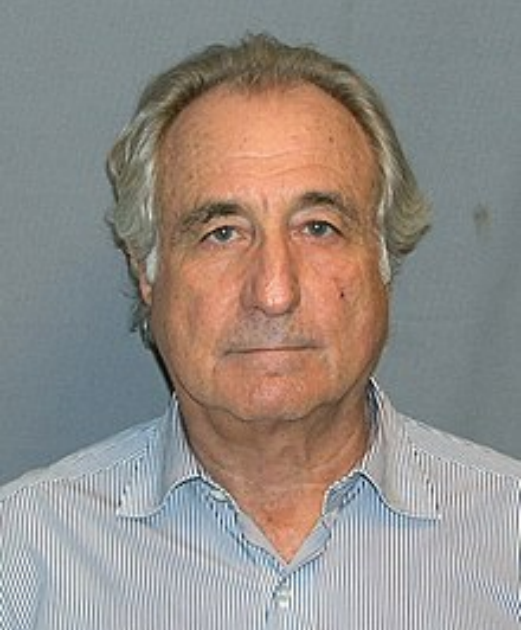


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Rank the World's Most Disappointing Leaders

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*<sup>25</sup> “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. <sup>26</sup> Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.*

[The New International Version](#). (2011). (Mt 23:25–26). Grand Rapids, MI: Zondervan.

**Main point: Godly character matters.**

**We can't compromise.**

**It matters in church leadership,**

**in our homes,**

**and in our personal lives.**

## ***Reason for Writing!***

***“<sup>14</sup> I write these things to you, hoping to come to you soon.  
<sup>15</sup> But if I should be delayed, I have written so that you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God’s household, which is the church of the living God...”***

*Here is a trustworthy saying: Whoever aspires to be an overseer desires a noble task.*

*<sup>2</sup> Now the overseer is to be above reproach, faithful to his wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, <sup>3</sup> not given to drunkenness, not violent but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. <sup>4</sup> He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him, and he must do so in a manner worthy of full respect. <sup>5</sup> (If anyone does not know how to manage his own family, how can he take care of God's church?) <sup>6</sup> He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. <sup>7</sup> He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.*

*<sup>8</sup> In the same way, deacons are to be worthy of respect, sincere, not indulging in much wine, and not pursuing dishonest gain. <sup>9</sup> They must keep hold of the deep truths of the faith with a clear conscience.*

*<sup>10</sup> They must first be tested; and then if there is nothing against them, let them serve as deacons.*

*<sup>11</sup> In the same way, the women are to be worthy of respect, not malicious talkers but temperate and trustworthy in everything.*

*<sup>12</sup> A deacon must be faithful to his wife and must manage his children and his household well. <sup>13</sup> Those who have served well gain an excellent standing and great assurance in their faith in Christ Jesus.*

*33 They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, “What were you arguing about on the road?”*

*34 But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest.*

*35 Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, “Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all.”*

*Mark 9:33-35*



*<sup>14</sup> Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions so that, <sup>15</sup> if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in **God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth.***

*16 Beyond all question, the mystery from which true  
godliness springs is great:*

*He appeared in the flesh, was vindicated by the  
Spirit, was seen by angels, was preached among  
the nations, was believed on in the world, was  
taken up in glory.*

# Application

*Godly Character matters—In the Church,  
outside the church, in our family lives,  
and our relationships.*

*Don't Compromise!*