

# Q&A have questions?

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**Q. WHAT DOES JESUS MEAN WHEN HE CALLED THE PHARISEES, HYPOCRITES? WAS JESUS BEING NICE?**

- ELIZABETH, 8YRS, DALLAS, USA

**ANS:** Jesus was indicating the type of people the Pharisees were. It is not about being nice, but it was all about confronting. Jesus did not hate the Pharisees, but he didn't approve their attitude, i.e. being hypocritical, talking one thing and acting the opposite. Here Jesus is pointing out their mistakes, a call to correct their lifestyle. We could say Jesus is scolding them in a way, so that they realise their mistakes. It is about being realistic.

**Q. HOW CAN WE HELP OTHER PEOPLE TO HAVE GOOD FAITH?**

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**ANS:** There are several ways in which we can help people have good faith. The primary means is by our own faith and way of life (*In the same way your light must shine in people's sight, so that, seeing your good works, they may give praise to your Father in heaven. Matthew 5:16*). We should be ready to answer doubts and explain aspects regarding our faith to those who have doubts and those who are ignorant. For this we need to be spiritual as well as have good knowledge about scriptures, sacraments, prayer and the Church. We should be welcoming at heart like Jesus to all around us, not casting away or being discriminating to those outside our faith.



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