



# The Health Hazard of Religion First Living

Luke 11:37-54

The background features a dark, almost black, space filled with a complex network of glowing, thin lines in shades of blue, purple, and pink. These lines appear to be interconnected, creating a web-like or neural network structure. Overlaid on this background are several large, semi-transparent triangles in various shades of purple and blue, some pointing downwards and others upwards, creating a layered, geometric effect.

*Would warn of the danger of  
Religion First Living*

# 1. Majors on the minor and minors on the major

Mt 23:24 who strain out a gnat and swallow a  
camel!

## 2. Seek Power Over Service

Mk 10:45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

### 3. Breeds a toxic environment

Mt 5:20 For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses *that* of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

# 4. Creates burdens rather than blessings

Mt 11:28-30 Come to Me, all who are weary and heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and **YOU WILL FIND REST FOR YOUR SOULS.** For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.

# 5. Loves a God of nostalgia but not a God of the present

Jn 5:39 You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me

# 6. Actually hinders people from coming to faith

**Jn 3:14,15 As Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up; so that whoever believes will in Him have eternal life.**