

ARE YOU A HYPOCRITE?

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Introduction:

1. The problem of hypocrisy
2. The prevalence of hypocrisy

I. THE DECEIT OF HYPOCRISY

1. The word and its origin (v. 1a)
2. The warning to the disciples (v. 1b)

II. THE DANGER OF HYPOCRISY

1. Hypocrisy is getting praise from men (Matt. 6:2).
2. Hypocrisy is false piety (Matt. 6:5, 16; 23:23-24).
3. Hypocrisy is only concerned performance (Matt. 15:7-10; 23:3-7, 25-28).
4. Hypocrisy loves to potshot at others (Matt. 7:3-5).
5. Hypocrisy is about power and control (Matt. 22:15-18).

III. THE DISCLOSURE OF HYPOCRISY

1. Our works (v. 2)
2. Our words (v. 3a)
3. Our whispers (v. 3b)

CONCLUSION:

Be Christlike in your authenticity.

Be Christlike in your attitude.

Be Christlike in your action.

TABLETALK STARTERS (For family devotions and Life Group discussions)

1. The original meaning of the word hypocrisy in Greek is an actor. How is hypocrisy a problem and prevalent among Christians today?
2. Read Luke 12:1-2. The first verse says that “a crowd of many thousands were gathered, trampling one another” just to be able to see and hear Jesus. But instead of addressing the crowd to teach, Jesus turned first to His disciples and warned them about hypocrisy. Why would Jesus warn them in light of this context?
3. Jesus calls hypocrisy as the “yeast of the Pharisees.” What is the nature of a yeast that Jesus would use this to describe hypocrisy?
4. Matthew mentions hypocrisy more than any other gospel. Take time to read some of them and discuss what is the common dangers of hypocrisy.
 - Matthew 6:2, 5, 16
 - Matthew 7:3-5
 - Matthew 15:7-10
 - Matthew 22:15-18
 - Matthew 23:3-7, 23-24, 25-28
5. Gary Kinnaman in his book “UnChristian: What a New Generation Really Thinks About Christianity...And Why it Matters” suggests three antidotes against hypocrisy:
 - Be Christlike in authenticity
 - Be Christlike in attitude
 - Be Christlike in action

Close your Life Group meeting by praying for each other for all of these three things to be present in your community and stop the “yeast of the Pharisees.”

PRAY