

Real Change: Taking Off the Mask
II Corinthians 3:12 –18
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Below is an excerpt from a poem by an unknown member of the Human Potential Movement:

Please hear what I'm not saying
Don't be fooled by me.
Don't be fooled by the face I wear,
For I wear a mask, I wear a thousand masks.
Masks I'm afraid to take off. And none of them are mine.

Pretending is an art that is second nature with me.
But don't be fooled, for God's sake don't be fooled.

I give you the impression that I'm secure.
That all is sunny and unruffled with me,
Within as well as without,
That confidence is my name and coolness is my game,
The water's calm and I'm in command,
And that I need no one.

But don't believe me. Please!

The Veils We Wear—vs. 13-15

Why?

What? It all begins with pride.

False Modesty

Self-Righteousness

Touchiness

Impatient Spirit

Remoteness

The Unveiling—vs. 16-18

The Lord

The Liberty

The Looking

Application:

Why did Moses continue to wear the veil after the glory faded?

Transparency is the opposite of hypocrisy. Discuss what it means to live a transparent life in the world.

Do you find yourself hiding behind some of the veils we talked about today?

When are the veils taken away? (vs. 16-17)

Is it possible for a Christian to be living in the spirit one moment and living in the flesh (nature apart from Christ) the next moment?

Growth is a process. How's that working for you?