

**1. What is hypocrisy?****A. The sin of hypocrisy can be manifested in our lives in numerous ways, such as:**

- By \_\_\_\_\_ like a devout person, like an actor on a stage, when we are not truly devoted to the Lord.
- By appearing to \_\_\_\_\_ something we're not or to \_\_\_\_\_ something we don't.
- By \_\_\_\_\_ to have a spirituality that we don't really possess.

**B. There are two types of hypocrites:**

- Those who want to deceive \_\_\_\_\_ but not themselves, knowing that they're pretending
- Those who deceive \_\_\_\_\_ themselves and others, and don't think they're hypocrites at all, being confident of their honesty and sincerity.

**C. There are two levels of hypocrisy:**

- Some hypocrites only have a \_\_\_\_\_ profession of Christianity and godliness, because it's what everybody around them in their community or culture professes.
- Others make a much \_\_\_\_\_ profession of Christianity and godliness, pointing to their uncompromising care in keeping the faith, as evidence of their devotion to God, when in reality they're not sincere.

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**D. There are two parts to hypocrisy:**

- The thing being pretended is to be a sincere Christian, a true servant of God, but not being \_\_\_\_\_ about it in the way sincere Christians are.
- The way it's being pretended is by adopting \_\_\_\_\_ that appears godly that would cause others to think they're godly.

E. The \_\_\_\_\_ for being hypocritical aren't always the same.

- You \_\_\_\_\_ something from someone.
- You want to protect the \_\_\_\_\_ of your reputation.
- You're trying to \_\_\_\_\_ something.
- You're trying to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ your guilty mind.

## 2. Practical instructions for conquering hypocrisy.

A. Try to understand what the life and power of \_\_\_\_\_ consists of.

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- Real godliness consists in the kind of faith in Christ that causes you to:
  - \_\_\_\_\_ God above all
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Him before all
  - \_\_\_\_\_ His favor and the hopes of Heaven above all the pleasures, profits, or honors of the world
  - \_\_\_\_\_ Him in spirit and truth, according to His Word.

B. Make your \_\_\_\_\_ your main work in spiritual things.

***Prov 4.23** Keep your heart with all vigilance,  
for from it flow the springs of life.*

***Matt 12.33-35** "Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit 34 ...For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. 35 The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil.*

C. Be very conscious of the \_\_\_\_\_ of your thoughts, desires, and motives as much as you are of the sins you commit with your hands or tongue.

D. Be \_\_\_\_\_ to do good when no one is looking except God and your conscience.

**Matt 6.2** *“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.*

**Matt 6.4** *so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.*

**Matt 6.6** *But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.*

E. In public worship, give more effort to worshipping from the \_\_\_\_\_ than with your mouth or hands.

**Matt 22.37–40** *And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”*

- Let loving and \_\_\_\_\_ God and loving your neighbor matter more to you more than singing or sacrificing to God.

- **1 Sam 15.22b** *to obey is better than sacrifice,*

**Matt 9.13b** *‘I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.’*

**Micah 6.8** *He has told you, O man, what is good;  
and what does the Lord require of you  
but to do justice, and to love kindness,  
and to walk humbly with your God?*

**Matt 15.7–9** *You hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy of you, when he said:*

8 *“This people honors me with their lips,  
but their heart is far from me;*

9 *in vain do they worship me,  
teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.”*

**Matt 23.4–7, 13-14** They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger. 5 They do all their deeds **to be seen by others**. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, 6 and they **love the place of honor** at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues 7 and **greetings** in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others... 13 "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** For you shut the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. For you neither enter yourselves nor allow those who would enter to go in.

**Matt 23.23–24** "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have **neglected the weightier matters** of the law: **justice and mercy and faithfulness**. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. 24 You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel!

**Matt 23.25–26** "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. 26 You blind Pharisee! **First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean.**

**Matt 23.27–28** "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. 28 **So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.**

F. Be much more critical of \_\_\_\_\_ flaws than others', and more concerned about \_\_\_\_\_ yourself than others.

**Matt 7.1–5** "Judge not, that you be not judged. 2 For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. 3 Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not **notice the log that is in your own eye?** 4 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? 5 **You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.**

• Practice being impartial by \_\_\_\_\_ before examining others.

G. Work harder at actually \_\_\_\_\_ godly than at seeming to be godly.

**Heb 12.14** Strive for...the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.