

Are You Hypocritical?

Ephesians 5:1, Titus 1:16 & Matthew 23:27-28, 33

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“Imitate God, therefore, in everything you do, because you are His dear children.” – Ephesians 5:1 (NLT)

“The single greatest cause of atheism in the world today is Christians who acknowledge Jesus with their lips, then walk out the door, and deny Him with their lifestyle. That is what an unbelieving world simply finds unbelievable.” Brennan Manning

Hypocrisy is not the disparity between what we DO and what we WISH we did.

Hypocrisy is the gap between what we SHOW and WHO we are.

Hypocrite: Greek word *hypokritēs*: means an ACTOR or a stage PLAYER.
One who HIDES behind a MASK.

“They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny Him ...” - Titus 1:16

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. ²⁸ In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness. ...³³ You snakes! You brood of vipers! How will you escape being condemned to hell?” - Matthew 23:27-28, 33

“What sorrow awaits you teachers of the law...hypocrites! For you shut the door of the Kingdom of Heaven in people’s faces. You won’t go in yourselves, and you don’t let others enter either.” - Matthew 23:13

HOPE FOR THE HYPOCRITE

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence. ²⁶ Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean.” - Matthew 23:25-26

“Whoever conceals their sins does not prosper, but the one who confesses and renounces them finds mercy.” - Proverbs 28:13

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“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. ²⁴ See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” - Psalm 139:23-24

We don't close the gaps with PERFECTION.

We close the gaps with CHRIST.

He's not asking for perfection; He is asking for authenticity.