

Hypocrisy

Introduction

1. Hypocrisy: The practice of professing beliefs, feelings, or virtues that one does not hold or possess; falseness. An act or instance of such falseness. Play acting, to take on another's part.

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Job 13:16 He also shall be my salvation, For a hypocrite could not come before Him.

Job 17:8 Upright men are astonished at this, And the innocent stirs himself up against the hypocrite.

Job 20:5 That the triumphing of the wicked is short, And the joy of the hypocrite is but for a moment?

Job 27:8 For what is the hope of the hypocrite, Though he may gain much, If God takes away his life?

Matthew 7:4-5 Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me remove the speck from your eye'; and look, a plank is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother's eye.

Luke 13:14-15 But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it?"

Who Is A Hypocrite?

1. Jesus tells us very plainly who a hypocrite is. Listen to His words:

Matthew 6:2 Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

Matthew 15:7-8 Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: 'THESE PEOPLE DRAW NEAR TO ME WITH THEIR MOUTH, AND HONOR ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR FROM ME.

Matthew 22:18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why do you test Me, you hypocrites?"

Matthew 23:14 Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers. Therefore you will receive greater condemnation.

Some Well Known Hypocrites

1. Judas Iscariot

Mark 14:44-45 Now His betrayer had given them a signal, saying, "Whomever I kiss, He is the One; seize Him and lead Him away safely." As soon as he had come, immediately he went up to Him and said to Him, "Rabbi, Rabbi!" and kissed Him.

2. The Pharisees

Matthew 23

3. Ananias and Sapphira

Acts 5

4. Peter

Galatians 2

The Difference Between a Hypocrite and a Christian

Hypocrite

Pretends

Play-Acting

Selfish

Wants the praise of men

No conviction

Tries to deceive man

Tries to deceive God

Christian

Genuine

Sincere

Unselfish

Desires praise of God

Great conviction

Tries to serve man

Strives to serve God

Hypocrites Try to Fool God

1. **Jeroboam sent his wife to try to fool the prophet of God**
1 Kings 14:1-6
2. **One cannot deceive God!**

Conclusion

1. **May we all just be ourselves.**
 - A. **Striving diligently to serve God fully and completely.**
2. **Hypocrites will not enter into heaven.**

