

Hypocrisy

1 Peter 2:1-2

(All Scriptures NASB 1995 unless otherwise noted)

Hypocrisy

*"Therefore, putting aside all malice and all deceit and **hypocrisy** and envy and all slander, like newborn babies, long for the pure milk of the word, so that by it you may grow in respect to salvation ..."*
(1 Peter 2:1-2)

Hypocrisy defined:

- "A feigning to be what one is not or to believe what one does not: behavior that contradicts what one claims to believe or feel." (Merriam-Webster)
- "The behavior of people who do things that they tell other people not to do." (Britannica Dictionary)
- "Greek *hypokrisis*: Primarily denotes a reply, an answer (akin to *hypokrinomai*, 'to answer'); then, 'play-acting,' as the actors spoke in dialogue; hence, 'pretense' ..." (Vine's Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words)

Hypocrisy

- Hypocrisy is characterized by deceitfulness.

*"But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, by means of the **hypocrisy** of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron ..."*
(1 Timothy 4:1-2)

Hypocrisy

- Jesus said to beware of hypocrisy.
*"Then they understood that He did not say to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the **teaching** of the Pharisees and Sadducees."* **(Matthew 16:12)**

*"Under these circumstances, after so many thousands of people had gathered together that they were stepping on one another, He began saying to His disciples first of all, 'Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is **hypocrisy**.'"*
(Luke 12:1)

Hypocrisy

- Jesus said to beware of hypocrisy.
"The scribes and the Pharisees have seated themselves in the chair of Moses; therefore all that they tell you, do and observe, but do not do according to their deeds; for they say things and do not do them."
(Matthew 23:2-3)

"But they do all their deeds to be noticed by men; for they broaden their phylacteries and lengthen the tassels of their garments. They love the place of honor at banquets and the chief seats in the synagogues, and respectful greetings in the market places, and being called Rabbi by men."
(Matthew 23:5-7)

Hypocrisy

- One can be hypocritical by doing godly acts, but for the wrong purpose.

*"Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven. So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the **hypocrites** do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full."* (Matthew 6:1-2)

"Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

Hypocrisy

- One can be a hypocrite by doing godly acts, but for the wrong purpose.

*"When you pray, you are not to be like the **hypocrites**; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full."* (Matthew 6:5)

*"Whenever you fast, do not put on a gloomy face as the **hypocrites** do, for they neglect their appearance so that they will be noticed by men when they are fasting. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full."* (Matthew 6:16)

Hypocrisy

- One can be a hypocrite by judging others by a standard he doesn't apply to himself.

*"Do not judge so that you will not be judged. For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you. Why do you look at the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' and behold, the log is in your own eye? 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."* (Matthew 7:1-5)

"Do not judge according to appearance, but judge with righteous judgment." (John 7:24)

Hypocrisy

- One can be a hypocrite by judging others by a standard he doesn't apply to himself.

"Therefore you have no excuse, everyone of you who passes judgment, for in that which you judge another, you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. And we know that the judgment of God rightly falls upon those who practice such things. But do you suppose this, O man, when you pass judgment on those who practice such things and do the same yourself, that you will escape the judgment of God?" (Romans 2:1-3)

Hypocrisy

- One can be a hypocrite by judging others by a standard he doesn't apply to himself.

"... you, therefore, who teach another, do you not teach yourself? You who preach that one shall not steal, do you steal? You who say that one should not commit adultery, do you commit adultery? You who abhor idols, do you rob temples? You who boast in the Law, through your breaking the Law, do you dishonor God? For 'THE NAME OF GOD IS BLASPHEMED AMONG THE GENTILES BECAUSE OF YOU,' just as it is written." (Romans 2:21-24)

Hypocrisy

- One can be a hypocrite by following false teaching while claiming to be religious.

*"You **hypocrites**, rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you: 'THIS PEOPLE HONORS ME WITH THEIR LIPS, BUT THEIR HEART IS FAR AWAY FROM ME. 'BUT IN VAIN DO THEY WORSHIP ME, TEACHING AS DOCTRINES THE PRECEPTS OF MEN.'"* (Matthew 15:7-9)

"See to it that no one takes you captive through philosophy and empty deception, according to the tradition of men, according to the elementary principles of the world, rather than according to Christ." (Colossians 2:8)

Hypocrisy

- One can be a hypocrite by following false teaching while claiming to be religious.

"There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all." (Ephesians 4:4-6)

"... as also in all his letters, speaking in them of these things, in which are some things hard to understand, which the untaught and unstable distort, as they do also the rest of the Scriptures, to their own destruction." (2 Peter 3:16)

Hypocrisy

- One can be a hypocrite when he follows a distorted gospel contrary to the truth.

"I am amazed that you are so quickly deserting Him who called you by the grace of Christ, for a different gospel; which is really not another; only there are some who are disturbing you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. But even if we, or an angel from heaven, should preach to you a gospel contrary to what we have preached to you, he is to be accursed!"

"As we have said before, so I say again now, if any man is preaching to you a gospel contrary to what you received, he is to be accursed! For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond-servant of Christ." (Galatians 1:6-10)

Hypocrisy

- One can be a hypocrite when he asks questions deceitfully.

"Then the Pharisees went and plotted together how they might trap Him in what He said. And they sent their disciples to Him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that You are truthful and teach the way of God in truth, and defer to no one; for You are not partial to any. Tell us then, what do You think? Is it lawful to give a poll-tax to Caesar, or not?' But Jesus perceived their malice, and said, 'Why are you testing Me, you hypocrites? Show Me the coin used for the poll-tax.' And they brought Him a denarius. And He said to them, 'Whose likeness and inscription is this?' They said to Him, 'Caesar's.' Then He said to them, 'Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's.'" (Matthew 22:15-21)

Hypocrisy

- One can be a hypocrite by impure thoughts and intentions.

"For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)

"Therefore do not go on passing judgment before the time, but wait until the Lord comes who will both bring to light the things hidden in the darkness and disclose the motives of men's hearts; and then each man's praise will come to him from God." (1 Corinthians 4:5)

Hypocrisy

- One can be a hypocrite when he converts others to a sect instead of God.

"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you travel around on sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves." (Matthew 23:15)

■ Some "Christians" are not converted to Christ.
"Now I mean this, that each one of you is saying, 'I am of Paul,' and 'I of Apollos,' and 'I of Cephas,' and 'I of Christ.' Has Christ been divided? Paul was not crucified for you, was he? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?" (1 Corinthians 1:12-13)

Hypocrisy

- One can be a hypocrite by falsely claiming to follow Christ.

"Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter. Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness.'" (Matthew 7:21-23)

"Why do you call Me, 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I say?" (Luke 6:46)

Hypocrisy

- One can be a hypocrite by falsely claiming to follow Christ.

"If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin."

(1 John 1:6-7)

"The one who says, 'I have come to know Him,' and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps His word, in him the love of God has truly been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him: the one who says he abides in Him ought himself to walk in the same manner as He walked." **(1 John 2:4-6)**

Hypocrisy

- One can be a hypocrite when he omits the more important matters of the law.

*"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others. You blind guides, who strain out a gnat and swallow a camel!"*

(Matthew 23:23-24)

Hypocrisy

- One can be a hypocrite by pretending to have an outward purity but having an inner corruption.

*"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites!** For you clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside they are full of robbery and self-indulgence. You blind Pharisee, first clean the inside of the cup and of the dish, so that the outside of it may become clean also.*

*"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs which on the outside appear beautiful, but inside they are full of dead men's bones and all uncleanness. So you, too, outwardly appear righteous to men, but inwardly you are full of **hypocrisy** and lawlessness."* **(Matthew 23:25-28)**

Avoiding Hypocrisy

- Ours is to be an everyday religion.

- Daily prayer.

*"They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to **prayer.**"* **(Acts 2:42)**

*"Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by **prayer** and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all comprehension, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."* **(Philippians 4:6-7)**

Avoiding Hypocrisy

- Ours is to be an everyday religion.

- Daily study.

"You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me ..." **(John 5:39)**

"Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth."

(2 Timothy 2:15)

"Now these were more noble-minded than those in Thessalonica, for they received the word with great eagerness, examining the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so."

(Acts 17:11)

Avoiding Hypocrisy

- Ours is to be an everyday religion.

- Growth.

*"You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, be on your guard so that you are not carried away by the error of unprincipled men and fall from your own steadfastness, but **grow** in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be the glory, both now and to the day of eternity. Amen."*

(2 Peter 3:17-18)

*"For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. But solid food is for the mature, who **because of practice** have their senses trained to discern good and evil."* **(Hebrews 5:12-14)**

Avoiding Hypocrisy

■ Ours is to be an everyday religion.

■ Daily evangelism.

"Therefore be on the alert, remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears." (Acts 20:31)

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, 'BUT THE RIGHTEOUS man SHALL

LIVE BY FAITH.' (Romans 1:16-17)

"The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."

(2 Timothy 2:2)

Avoiding Hypocrisy

■ Ours is to be an everyday religion.

■ Daily concern and exhortation.

"... so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it."

(1 Corinthians 12:25-26)

"Let love of the brethren continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by this some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Remember the prisoners, as though in prison with them, and those who are ill-treated, since you yourselves also are in the body."

(Hebrews 13:1-3)

Avoiding Hypocrisy

■ Ours is to be an everyday religion.

■ Daily cross bearing.

"And He was saying to them all, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, he is the one who will save it. For what is a man profited if he gains the whole world, and loses or forfeits himself? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words, the Son of Man will be ashamed of him when He comes in His glory, and the glory of the Father and of the holy angels.' (Luke 9:23-26)

Avoiding Hypocrisy

■ Ours is to be an everyday religion.

■ Spiritual Transformation.

"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect." (Romans 12:2)

"... that, in reference to your former manner of life, you lay aside the old self, which is being corrupted in accordance with the lusts of deceit, and that you be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and put on the new self, which in the likeness of God has been created in righteousness and holiness of the truth."

(Ephesians 4:22-24)

"Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature; the old things passed away; behold, new things have come."

(2 Corinthians 5:17)

Avoiding Hypocrisy

■ Ours is to be an everyday religion.

■ Daily practice of Love.

"Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good." (Romans 12:9)

"But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy."

(James 3:17)

"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." This is the great and foremost commandment. The second is like it, "YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF." On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets."

(Matthew 22:37-40)

Avoiding Hypocrisy

■ Ours is to be an everyday religion.

■ Daily practice of Love.

"We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. But whoever has the world's goods, and sees his brother in need and closes his heart against him, how does the love of God abide in him? Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth."

(1 John 3:16-18)

"Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has seen God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us."

(1 John 4:7-12)

Avoiding Hypocrisy

- Ours is to be a pure and undefiled religion.
*"But prove yourselves doers of the word, and not merely hearers who delude themselves. For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks at his natural face in a mirror; for once he has looked at himself and gone away, he has immediately forgotten what kind of person he was. But one who looks intently at the perfect law, the law of liberty, and abides by it, not having become a forgetful hearer but an effectual doer, this man will be blessed in what he does. If anyone thinks himself to be religious, and yet does not bridle his tongue but deceives his own heart, this man's religion is worthless. **Pure and undefiled religion** in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world." (James 1:22-27)*

How To Be Saved

Hear the word of God

(2 Thessalonians 2:14; James 1:21)

Believe the gospel message

(Hebrews 11:6; John 8:24)

Repent of sins

(Luke 13:3; Acts 17:30-31)

Confess Jesus Christ

(Romans 10:9-10; Matthew 10:32-33)

Be Baptized for Forgiveness of Sins

(Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38)

Remain Obedient

(Matthew 7:21; Hebrews 3:12)