

Hypocrisy

1 Peter 2:1-2

Hypocrisy defined

- “The playing a part, feigning, a moral or religious counterfeit, insincerity, one who pretends to be other than what he is, a play-actor, to wear a mask, pretender.”
- Hypocrisy is characterized by deceitfulness. cf. 1 Timothy 4:1-2; cf. Matthew 23:29-33; Luke 12:1

- One can be hypocritical by doing godly acts, but for the wrong purpose. Matthew 6:1-2, 5, 16; cf. 1 Corinthians 13:3

- One can be a hypocrite by judging others by a standard which he refuses to apply to himself. Matthew 7:1-5; 1 Corinthians 10:10; James 5:9; Philippians 2:14-15; Matthew 7:2; cf. John 7:24; Matthew 23:2-7; Romans 2:1-3, 21-24; Galatians 6:1; John 12:48

- One can be a hypocrite when he follows a false religion while claiming to be religious. Matthew 15:7-9; Colossians 2:23; Ephesians 4:5; 2 Peter 3:16

- One can be a hypocrite when he asks questions deceitfully. Matthew 22:15-22; Hebrews 4:12; 1 Corinthians 4:5; cf. Proverbs 6:16-19

- One can be a hypocrite when he converts others to a sect instead of God. Matthew 23:15; cf. Acts 3:19
 - Some “Christians” are not converted to Christ.

- One can be a hypocrite when he omits the more important matters of the law. Matthew 23:23-24

- One can be a hypocrite by pretending to have an outward purity but having an inner corruption. Matthew 23:25-28
 - Ours is to be an everyday religion.
 - Daily prayer. Acts 2:42,46; Philippians 4:6-7
 - Daily study. John 5:39; 2 Timothy 2:15; Acts 17:11
 - Growth. 2 Peter 3:18; Hebrews 5:12-14; 3 John 2
 - Daily evangelism. Acts 20:31
 - Daily concern 1 Corinthians 12:25 and exhortation. Hebrews 3:13
 - Daily cross bearing. Luke 9:23

Why the religion of the Pharisees?

- Did not know God. cf. Jeremiah 2:8 “Where is the Lord? And they that handle the law knew me not.”
- Did not love God. John 5:44 “How can ye believe, which receive honor one of another, and seek not the honor that cometh from God only?” cf. John 15:23-24
- Did not know the law of God. Matthew 15:7-9; John 5:39-40