



Sermon Notes: You Might Be A Hypocrite If...

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1. You're more concerned with looking godly than being godly.
2. You're more concerned with the miniscule than the massive.
3. You're more concerned with being respected than being respectable.
4. You're more concerned with deceiving than defending God's people.
5. You're more concerned with controlling behaviors than carrying burdens.
6. You're more concerned with show than submission.
7. You're more concerned with law than gospel.
8. You're more concerned with catching others in sin and covering your own sin than you are in confession.

Hope for hypocrites:

1. Jesus comes.
2. Jesus convinces you that your real identity and worth are found not in your performance but in his grace.
3. Jesus changes you from the inside out.



Application Questions: You Might Be A Hypocrite If...

1. How would you define a hypocrite?
2. What behaviors do you associate with hypocrisy? What kinds of words do you associate with hypocrisy? What attitudes do you associate with hypocrisy? What desires do you associate with hypocrisy?
3. How do you feel reading Jesus' all-out assault on the moralists and hypocrites? How is this different than the fictional Jesus of modern Western culture? How does this impact your idea of what it means to be Christlike?
4. Read through the 8 examples of religious hypocrisy on the opposite page. What are your overall observations and impressions?
5. Are you more aware of your own hypocrisy or the apparent hypocrisy of others? Why is that? Why do we tend to have a double standard: one for self, one for others?
6. What are some miniscule, superficial things people like us tend to overemphasize? What are some massive heart issues people like us tend to ignore/underemphasize?
7. Why do you think we tend to be more concerned about what others think of us than what God knows to be true about us? Why do we tend to care more about reputation than character?
8. How does Jesus demonstrate to you the Good News that your identity and worth are not found in your performance (good or bad) but are found in his grace? What would this do for you if you really believed it?
9. Why is it important that Christ change you from the inside out, rather than from the outside in? How is that encouraging and hopeful to you?
10. What one thing will you do this week with what God is teaching you?