



Fighting Hypocrisy

True or False? (T/F)

1. ____
2. ____
3. ____
4. ____
5. ____
6. ____
7. ____
8. ____
9. ____

Hypocrisy comes from a Greek word meaning:

“One who wears a _____.”

It wasn't until Christianity came about that "hypocrisy" took on a _____ meaning.

Biblical Definition for Hypocrisy:

"Pretending to be more morally superior than you really are in order to promote or maintain your personal image."

3 FACTORS THAT DRIVE HYPOCRISY

1. Self - _____
(Matthew 6:2,5,&16)
2. Self - _____
(Luke 6:42)
3. Inauthentic _____
(Luke 12:1)

3 AREAS OF LIFE THAT HYPOCRISY KILLS

1. Our _____
(Galatians 2:11-14)
(1 Peter 2:1)
2. Our _____
(Mark 7:6)
3. Our _____
(2 Corinthians 5:20)

3 OPTIONS

- 1.) Claim to be Christians and continue in our private sins.
- 2.) Claim to be Christians and be very public about our sins.
- 3.) We can live out our faith obediently and confess our sins to God and to each other when we do not.

BONUS - How to nip hypocrisy in the bud:

1. Ask God to reveal one thing he'd like to work on in your character this week.
2. Find an accountability partner, someone you can trust to confess your sins to and confide in. Someone who is willing to tell you when they think you're wrong. Find at least one person in your church that you can tell your whole story to.
3. Never let someone walk away with an inflated opinion of you. If you tell a story that makes you look a lot better than you normally are, clarify that your behavior was not typical.
4. Remember Ecclesiastes 7:21-22. Don't conveniently forget your own sin when someone wrongs you.
5. Practice daily repentance. Review the day with God every night. Ask him where you sinned and what led up to it.

6. Allow times when you're concerned for your reputation to be a "check engine light." Are you trying to be "seen" as better than you actually are? Why?