

Ep. 1056: What Makes a Christian a Hypocrite?

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- 1. What did the word "hypocrite" mean during Jesus' day? What are the definitions given for the word today?
- 2. How do the two definitions reflect the two different types of hypocrisy that we can find ourselves exhibiting?
- 3. Who shows us the ideals and standards of a "perfect Christian"? Do you live up to those ideals and standards? Does this make you a hypocrite? Why or why not?
- 4. Take some time to honestly evaluate your fruitage. What are your "fruits" of the spirit? Do they line up with God's holy order? What can you do to bring them more into alignment?
- 5. What does Jesus teach us about healing ourselves from our own hypocrisy that comes from the desire for personal influence over others? (see Matthew 15:1-11)
- 6. Can you be a hypocrite without knowing it? If so, explain some situations where someone can unintentionally be a hypocrite.
- 7. What can we remind ourselves when we see hypocrisy creeping into our lives?
- 8. What should we be centered on at all times? How can we be sure that our actions reflect this?
- 9. What should we pray for to avoid hypocrisy? (see Isaiah 64:8)
- 10. What can you do in your daily life to gain prestige before God?
- 11. How can we heal ourselves from the hypocrisy that comes from a desire for worthiness? (See Matthew 7:1-5)

