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## 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, "Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy."*
  - *Matthew 23:3, "all things therefore whatsoever they bid you, (these) do and observe: but do not ye after their works; for they say, and do not."*

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

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- One can be a hypocrite by judging others by a standard which he refuses to apply to himself. Matthew 7:1-5; James 5:9; Philippians 2:14-15; Matthew 7:2; cf. John 7:24; Matthew 23:2-6; Romans 12:1-3, 21; Galatians 6:1
- *John 12:48, "He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my sayings, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I spake, the same shall judge him in the last day."*

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

*2 Peter 3:16, "... which the ignorant and unstedfast wrest, as (they do) also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction."*

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- 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

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- 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.

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

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- 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
    - 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?" (KJV) cf. John 15:23-24*
- Did not know the law of God. Matthew 15:7-9; John 5:39-40

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- Matthew 24:51, "... and shall cut him asunder, and appoint his portion with the **hypocrites**: there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth."