

Hypocrites Beware

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From time to time I talk with people about coming to church and once in awhile I hear, "I would come, but I don't like those who go to church and sin the rest of the week." First of all, each person is going to give account for his, or her, own life. We can not answer for what anyone else does. We all make mistakes at times and fail. I have, and so has every other person on earth. There is no one, but Jesus, who can say that they are without sin.

While all people make mistakes and fail at times, the true Christian will go to God in genuine repentance and ask forgiveness. They hypocrite is the person who claims to be a Christian and sins with no remorse, or repentance. That person does not feel the conviction of the Holy Spirit for they are not following the Lord, but their own heart. This is the kind of person who works against the Lord and does great harm to the cause of Christ. Even a sinner knows that a person who is supposed to be a Christian

does not do things that are sinful. He may err but he won't live in a sinful condition.

The Word of God says that a hypocrites hope shall perish. This means that they will fall at the judgment, being judged by God's Word, not according to their wants. If folks would read and accept what God has said, much of the foolishness would cease. For one thing we are informed that God knows them that are his. If we can pick our child out from a group of children, is it hard to believe that God can do the same? We may fool other people, and maybe even fool ourselves, but no one fools God. They never have and never will.

I don't understand the hypocrite. If that person is not going to even try to obey the Lord and to do what is right, why do they even come to church? They will do a lot of harm, but little, if any good. Some times when the Word is presented plain and strong, some folks quit, like those in John chapter six. They turned and walked with the Lord no more. You may say that is bad, and it is, but if they would not accept and submit to God's Word, they were not really

walking with Him anyway. **Luke 6:46.**

The Lord wants us to serve Him and to be saved. So much that he endured death on the cross to save us from sin and death. Man is invited to walk with God, not to live anyway that the flesh desires. Once again I will mention the man that I worked with many years ago. He still lived at home with his parents. He laughed and said, "I usually stay out drinking until 3 or 4 in the morning, then crawl home drunk. At 7 or 7:30 I get up and go to church where I teach Sunday School. Dad said that as long as I lived with him I would go to church." I hope that he has repented in the years since, for he was headed to destruction living as he was.

My father in law used to say, "The best that a man can do is little enough." How true that is. The best men make mistakes, but they won't continue in them. The hypocrite makes a life out of sins, yet he doesn't seriously try to do better. We can try to cover our sins and be condemned, or we can repent and be forgiven for them. The choice is ours, and the results will last for eternity.

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WHEN JESUS WAS IN CAPERNAUM AND THE ROMAN TAX-COLLECTOR ASKED FOR THE HEAD TAX EVERYONE PAID TO ROME (TWO SILVER COINS, WORTH A SHEKEL), JESUS TOLD PETER, WHO WAS A FISHERMAN, TO GO CATCH A FISH WHICH WOULD HAVE A PIECE OF MONEY IN ITS MOUTH (MATT. 17:27). MANY AUTHORITIES ARE AGREED HE WAS USING THE SLANG OF THE DAY—IN OTHER WORDS, TO CATCH A FISH GOOD ENOUGH TO SELL ON THE MARKET FOR A SHEKEL AND THUS PAY THEIR TAX. DURING THE 1ST CENTURY A.D., WHEN THE GREEKS WERE TRANSLATING THE GOSPELS INTO THEIR OWN LANGUAGE, THEY HAD NO UNDERSTANDING OF THE TRUE MEANING OF THESE ARAMAIC EXPRESSIONS AND SO THE STORY CAME OUT AS THOUGH PETER ACTUALLY CAUGHT A FISH SWIMMING AROUND WITH A PIECE OF MONEY IN ITS MOUTH—WHICH DOESN'T MEAN JESUS COULDN'T WORK A MIRACLE IN THIS CASE, FOR HE RAISED THE DEAD AND HEALED MANY WHO WERE "BLIND, LAME, AND HALT"—BUT IT IS INTERESTING TO NOTE HE NEVER PERFORMED MIRACLES FOR HIS OWN COMFORT AND BENEFIT!

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