

"Who's The Hypocrite?"

Hypocrite! This is one of the most demeaning things anyone can ever be called. Webster's dictionary defines "Hypocrite" as:

1. A person who puts on a false appearance of virtue or religion.
2. A person who acts in contradiction to their stated beliefs or feelings.

Hypocrites are viewed with contempt because they are seen as fake counterfeits who try to pawn themselves off as something they aren't. They are like a fake Rolex. If you want to know what Jesus thought of hypocrites, look at the 23rd chapter of Matthew. Seven times in that chapter, He called the religious leaders of His day "Hypocrites."

Matthew 23:25 EASY

25 It will be very bad for you, teachers of God's Law and Pharisees. You are hypocrites! You always clean the outside of your cups and plates very carefully. You only clean the outside part that people can see. But on the inside, everything is still dirty. Inside you, your minds are full of bad thoughts. You want to have more things for yourself. You hurt other people to get what you want.

I have had people tell me that the church is just a bunch of hypocrites trying to make everyone believe they are holy when, in truth, they are sinners who are no better than anyone else. They give this as an excuse for refusing to enter a church.

People who say such things do not understand the Christian faith because at the heart of Christianity is the belief that we are all sinners who need a savior, and our good works can never be enough to earn God's favor. We believe our sin was

so great that we deserved to die, and that is why Christ had to give His life to pay the penalty our sin deserved. I fail to see the logic of calling those who believe this "Hypocrites."

So, who are the real hypocrites? You don't have to look far to find them in our world. I will give you four examples of gross hypocrisy.

1. How about those who shout and carry banners that say, "Black Lives Matter"? (That is unless the black person happens to be a police officer.) Then, the rules change. For me, that shouts "hypocrisy."
2. How about those who protest the slaughter of innocent animals but then kill their own unborn children? That sure looks like hypocrisy to me.
3. And then some champion the message of love and insist we must learn to accept our differences and love each other unconditionally, but at the same time hate Jews and call for the elimination of Israel. If that's not hypocrisy, I don't know what it is.
4. Oh, and we must not forget those who demand their right to "free speech" only to turn around and vilify a man like Harrison Butker, for having the courage to say that he believes the highest calling a woman can have is to be a mother and give herself to raising her children. Classic hypocrisy!

These are the same people who say they will never enter a church because all churchgoers are hypocrites. That's a joke! **If what they say about the church just being a bunch of hypocrites is true, then I suggest they all go to church next Sunday; they will fit in just fine.**