

SINCERITY OVER HYPOCRISY

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Sermon Theme: Jesus confronts and condemns the hypocrisy of the religious leaders by exposing the motivations of their hearts. Meanwhile, Christ followers are called not to hypocrisy but to sincerity. Therefore, God's people are those who acknowledge the Lord Jesus and live in fear-filled light before Him.

I. Hypocrisy Exposed – Read Luke 11:37-54

- A. What observations do you make from this passage?

- B. As you consider the woes, which declaration best captures the Pharisees' hypocrisy?

- C. How would you define hypocrisy? Hypocrisy may include a desire to have the best of both worlds, wanting to be Christian and an unbeliever simultaneously. Do you agree? Explain.

II. Hypocrisy Engaged – Read Luke 12:1-12

- A. In verse 1, what does Jesus mean when he says, “Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees”?

- B. Based on verses 1-4, how does the revelation of secret things work against hypocrisy?

- C. Read verses 4-7. What are the two main reasons we should fear God rather than man? How can we reconcile these two ideas in light of the gospel?

- D. How would you interpret verses 8-10? What does it mean to “blaspheme the Holy Spirit”?

III. Hypocrisy Eradicated – Application

- A. How does it make you feel that “there is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed” (Luke 12:2)? How does this truth make you grateful for forgiveness?

- B. As you evaluate your life, where do you think you can be prone to live as a religious hypocrite? How should we actively fight against hypocrisy?

- C. When are you most likely to fear man? How would you like to grow in your fear of God for His authority over eternity and His care for you as His child?