



DO NOT BE A HYPOCRITE

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On week seven of our series, the Greatest Sermon Of All Time, taught by **JESUS**, the Greatest Teacher Of All Time, we see the term “hypocrites” used to describe the act of doing good for appearances only. In today’s message, we look at Jesus’ careful instructions about *acts of righteousness* in Matthew 6.

BIG IDEA: Don’t be a hypocrite.

READ Matthew 6:1: Jesus is warning them to be careful when they do acts of good. What is He trying to teach them? Why is this important?

READ Amos 5:21-24: False worship is when people go through the motions of worshiping God, yet are doing it out of pretense or for show. Looking at these passages, how does God feel about false worship? What does God really want from His people?

When we worship at church, are we more concerned about our image or our attitude?

READ Matthew 6:2-4: It’s easy to do what’s right when we gain recognition and praise. What are some things we should do to make sure our motives are not selfish?

READ Matthew 6:5-8: What is Jesus trying to say in each of these passages? Why?

READ Matthew 6:16-18: Fasting is noble and difficult. It gives us time to pray, teaches self-discipline and helps us draw closer to God for our needs. Jesus is not condemning fasting. What hypocrisy is He addressing? Why?

How to NOT be a hypocrite:

When we give, pray and fast, these are ways we “practice righteousness.” God is calling us to practice our righteousness in non hypocritical ways.

1. Give without getting noticed. READ 2 Corinthians 9:7: What does it mean to be a cheerful giver?

2. Pray without performing. READ Matthew 5:16: What is the difference between “letting our light shine” and performing?

3. Fast without fanfare. READ 2 Chronicles 7:14: How does God want us to pray? Why?

READ 1 Corinthians 1:30: We have been made righteous because of God’s grace. It is important that we ask ourselves...***is it a grand performance, or an act of love?***

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Have you (or someone you know) ever experienced someone's hypocrisy? Explain the effects
2. From the list of "How NOT to be a Hypocrite," what's your biggest challenge or takeaway?
3. How can you make "practicing your righteousness" less of a grand performance, and more an act of love?

COMMIT TO MEMORY: Matthew 6:1