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How Not to Be a Hypocrite

Matthew 15:1–9

“We have met the enemy and it is us”

--Pogo

Matthew 15

1 Then Jesus was approached by Pharisees and scribes from Jerusalem, who asked, 2 “Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders?

For they don’t wash their hands when they eat.”

3 He answered them, “Why do you break God’s commandment because of your tradition?

Matthew 15

4 For God said: Honor your father and your mother;, and, Whoever speaks evil of father or mother must be put to death., 5 But you say, ‘Whoever tells his father or mother, “Whatever benefit you might have received from me is a gift committed to the temple,” 6 he does not have to honor his father.’ In this way, you have nullified the word of God because of your tradition.

Matthew 15

7 Hypocrites!

Isaiah prophesied correctly about you when he said:

8 This people honors me with their lips,
but their heart is far from me.

9 They worship me in vain,
teaching as doctrines human commands.”,

How NOT to be a Hypocrite

- * Examine your own heart before judging someone else's motives
- * Practice privately what you profess publicly
- * Repent when your life contradicts what you confess to believe
- * Be the same person at home, at work, and at church.
- * Love your neighbor more than you love your preferences.
- * Distinguish between God's commands & personal convictions
- * Submit every tradition, rule, and preference to Scripture.

How NOT to be a Hypocrite

- * Remember you are a sinner saved by grace and completely dependent upon Christ has accomplished for us.
- * Welcome correction from God's Word and from people who know and trust.

Submitting to God's Word exposes our hypocrisy and our need for Christ to bear our guilt on the cross so that we might live genuinely devoted to him.