

Dealing with Difficult People:

Hypocritical People

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"You hypocrites! Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you. These people honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from Me." Matthew 15:7-8

We give _____ service, but not _____ service.

Greek = "hupokrite" = an actor, one who hides behind a _____.

"You hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices, mint, dill and cumin. But, you have neglected the more important matters of the law, justice, and mercy, and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. You blind guides! You strain out a little, bitty gnat, and yet, you swallow a great big camel."
Matthew 23:23-24

Two Biblical principles on handling hypocrisy:

1. Jesus _____ hypocrisy.
2. Jesus majored on the _____.

How do we confront hypocrisy?

"Brothers [and sisters], if someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But, watch yourself, or you also may be tempted. Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." Galatians 6:1-2

Paul is talking about Christ Followers confronting Christ Followers.

Three Biblical principles:

1. Warning: Confront with _____.
2. Confront with the goal of _____.

Our goal is not to _____, but always restoration.

"restoration" = Greek = "katartizo" = "to make better than new."

"My brothers, if one of you should wander from the truth and someone should bring him back, remember this: Whoever turns a sinner from the error of his way will save him from death and cover a multitude of sins." James 5:19-20



3. Confront with _____ .

"Carry" = Greek word = "bastazo" = "to lift" = "to sustain."

But what if YOU are the hypocrite?

King David, Nathan, the prophet, and a story

"David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, 'As surely as the Lord lives, the man who did this deserves to die. He must pay for the lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.' Nathan said to David, 'attah iysh.'" 2 Samuel 12:4-7

Hebrew = "Attah iysh" = "you are the man."

"When you confess your sins to God, He is faithful and just to forgive all your sins as if it never, ever happened, and to cleanse you from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9

For later study:

Read **Matthew 18:15-17** where Jesus teaches about confrontation.