


Un-Hypocritical
"The ^ Way"

"I worship the God of our fathers as a follower of The Way."
 -Paul

The Big Question

Are all Christians inherently hypocrites?




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Etymology

The origin of "hypocrisy":
 Gk: *hypokrisis* – acting a part on stage, wearing a mask, being a pretender

The word implies denial, deceit, and disguise.




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Jesus Vs. Hypocrites

"Everything they do is done for men to see...you hypocrites!"

(Gospel of Matthew, Ch.23)




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So, You Are A Hypocrite If...

- You require others to do what you will not do
- Try to hide the truth about yourself from others
- Lie to yourself about your motives and actions
- Act as a judge, not as a peer

Your walk doesn't match your talk




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Overcoming Hypocrisy

Three Solutions:

- Integrity
- Purity
- Transparency

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Integrity

“The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity.” (Pr. 11:3)
“Let your “Yes” be “yes” and your “No” be “no.” (Jam. 5:12)



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Roadblocks To Integrity

Fear of Man
Ambition
Untruthfulness
Temptation



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Purity

“Who may ascend the hill of the Lord?...He who has clean hands and a pure heart.” (Ps. 24:4)
“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.” (Matt. 5:8)



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Roadblocks To Purity

Selfishness
Lack of Contentment
Love of This World
Weakness



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Transparency

“The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart...” (Ps. 51:17)
“If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.” (1Jn. 1:8)



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Roadblocks To Transparency

Shyness
Insecurity
Independence
Past Hurts



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Quiz Time

On a scale of 1-10:

- How's your integrity?
- How's your purity?
- How's your transparency?



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Dismissing The Critics

"Attack me, I do this myself, but attack me rather than the path I follow and which I point out to anyone who asks me where I think it lies..."

- Leo Tolstoy



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"...If I know the way home and am walking it drunkenly, is it any less the right way because I am staggering from side to side?"
 [An *Ad Hominum* Fallacy]

-- Leo Tolstoy



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The Solution To Hypocrisy

"Stop presenting ourselves as the message, and start presenting Jesus as the message."

- Jim White



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Conclusion Of "The Way"

"The Way" is Jesus' way to live...
 ...NOT merely how not to live.
 (e.g. Luke 6:31)

Let's be known for what we believe and do...not what we don't believe and don't do.



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