

Jesus In The Manuscript of Matthew

MESSAGE #53: PURITY VS IMPURITY

MATTHEW 15:1-20

BIG Idea: True purity of life is internal in nature, it's not simply external.



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- 1) A Sinister Question (v. 1-2)
- 2) A Stunning Rebuke (v. 3-6)
- 3) A Shocking Pronouncement (v. 7-9)



5 Marks of Hypocrisy...

- You're more interested in looking good in front of others than genuinely trying to please God.
- Your standard of success/godliness is primarily based upon what you don't do instead of what you're actively doing.
- You find yourself justifying your own private, pet sins while actively condemning the public, glaring sins of others.
- You honestly don't think you're perfect, but you feel that you're better than most.
- What you say and what you do rarely sync up.

5 Consequences of Hypocrisy...

- Wasted energy hiding sins to protect an image of perfection.
- Loss of joy in pursuit of temporal satisfaction.
- Spiritual ineffectiveness as goals shift from serving others to using others.
- Jaded spouse and/or children who can see right through the lies and hypocrisy.
- In worst case scenarios, your hypocritical deviancy grows into uncontrollable criminal urges...

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- 4) A Serious Offense (v. 10-14)
- 5) A Simple Request (v. 15)
- 6) A Straightforward Teaching (v. 16-20)



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