

The Problem of Hypocrisy - Sunday, April 29, 2018 Mark Rouse / mark@epicchurchbuffalo.com

THE PROBLEM OF HYPOCRISY

- "Christians are <u>JUDGEMENTAL</u>."
- "Christians don't <u>PRACTICE</u> what they <u>PREACH</u>."
- "Religion is not part of the solution, it is part of <u>THE</u> <u>PROBLEM</u>."

What sorrow awaits you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! For you are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are filthy—full of greed and self-indulgence! 26 You blind Pharisee! First wash the inside of the cup and the dish, and then the outside will become clean, too. 28 Outwardly you look like righteous people, but inwardly your hearts are filled with hypocrisy and lawlessness. – Matthew 23:25-26, 28

The integrity of the upright guides them, but the unfaithful are destroyed by their duplicity. - Proverbs 11:3

INTEGRITY: When my <u>BEHAVIOR</u> is aligned with my <u>BELIEFS</u>.

AN IDENTITY OF INTEGRITY

Who may worship in your sanctuary, Lord?... 2 Those who lead blameless lives and do what is right, speaking the truth from sincere hearts. 3 Those who refuse to gossip or harm their neighbors or speak evil of their friends. 4 Those who despise flagrant sinners, and honor the faithful followers of the Lord, and keep their promises even when it hurts. 5 Those who lend money without charging interest, and who cannot be bribed to lie about the innocent. Such people will stand firm forever. – Psalm 15:1-5

BENEFITS OF INTEGRITY

- I can walk closely with <u>GOD</u>.
- I have a built in <u>GUIDE</u>.
- I have constant <u>PEACE</u> in my heart.
- I gain trust, respect, honor and <u>INFLUENCE</u>.

...I will defend my integrity until I die. 6 I will maintain my innocence without wavering. My conscience is clear for as long as I live. – Job 27:5-6

WHAT'S MY INTEGRITY WORTH?