

Hypocritical People

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1 Peter 1:16 be holy as I am holy
We feel as an eldership a call back to holiness

James says hearing the word is not enough it has got to come out of you - change you.

Christ followers are servants 24/7 - if you don't want to do it all the time - you probably should say anything at all cause you appear a hypocrite

When Christ followers listen to the word and don't apply it you walk around like you have concussion. You end up playing for the wrong team.

Christ followers who know the scriptures and refuses to allow the Holy Spirit to change him is dangerous.
Do daily devotions so the word can get into you and guide you and change you.

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

HUPOKRITES (hoop-ok-re-tace) an actor, stage player, one who hides behind a mask.
Hypocrite is someone who starts living behind a mask

You have people who say one thing and yet act and say another. Acting out different scenes - dual lifestyles

How did Jesus deal with them?

Matthew 23:23-24 you hypocrites, you give a tenth of your spices, mind, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law - justice, mercy, faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. You blind guided! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel!

- Jesus confronts hypocrisy

When you see something or someone in injustice - something should rise in you - you draw near to men with your lips but your hearts are far from me.

- Jesus majored on the majors - not the minors

Become nit picky about things - stop straining out the gnat and go and swallow a camel.

If you don't celebrate the mistakes you won't move on to something new

We have a mission to do - and the hypocritical ways can stop it .

How should we confront hypocrisy? - very gently

Galatians 6:1-2 brothers is someone caught in sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently. But watch yourself, or you will be tempted and tested yourself.

1. Confront with caution. - if you confront someone about this you will also be tested about the same thing to see if your heart is right.

Matt 18:8 if someone offends you - go to them - confront them. Biblical models - public sin/public discipline, while still working with the person

When is gossip is gossip?

Before you say anything to anyone do they have the power to change anything - if is - cool -'if no it is gossip.

You have an issue with an elder - confront the elder - not happy - go to another elder - not happy with outcome go to tell others about this - that is gossip.

2. Confront with the goal of restoration

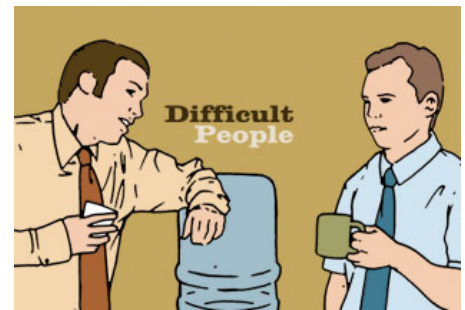
Often we see it with the goal of condemnation - those who confront feel pride and better than others

The word of God will change the inside

RESTORE - katartizo to perfectly repair and make brand new Galatians 6:1 Matthew 18

Love someone enough not to see them hurt themselves any further

James 5:19-20 my brothers if one of you wanders from the truth someone should bring him back. Whoever turns a sinner from his ways



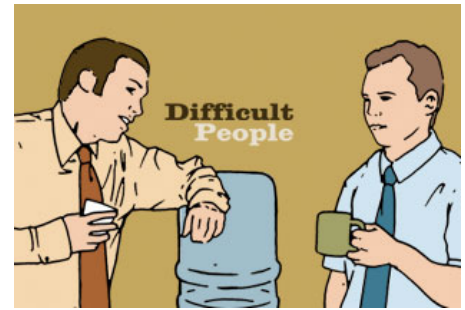
3. Confront with commitment

Confronted in love with people around them to support them in community,

Life group - buy in together that we will

walk through this together

CARRY bastazo (bas-tad-zo) - to life sustain, to take up



What if you are the hypocrite?

2 Samuel 12:4-7 "Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him." 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 that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity." Then Nathan said to David, "You are the man! This is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says: 'I anointed you king over Israel, and I delivered you from the hand of Saul.'

David was in a place where he shouldn't have been and saw something that he shouldn't have seen and then did something that he shouldn't have done. Then he committed a murder to try and cover it up. David now has his mask off. Then Nathan comes on god behalf to challenge David.

David's response to the story from Nathan - 2 Sam 12:4-7 David's hypocrisy is exposed. David you are that man!!!!

You either repent or put on another mask to keep going - then David wrote psalms 51:10-12 create in me a clean heart and renew a steadfast spirit in me.