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Sermon Notes

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My Friend...tells me, he's not the religious type

It's common to hear. The church is full of _____!

Isa 29:13

The Lord says:

"These people come near to me with their mouth and honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me."

Matt 23:27-28

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of dead men's bones and everything unclean. 28 In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness."

Reasons people say that the church is full of hypocrites:

1) People often confuse " _____ " with "Hypocrite."

2) There _____, in fact, hypocrites in the church.

3) The temptation to _____ Piety is strong

Matt 23:15

"Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence."

Questions for those who insist that they're not the religious type:

1) Can you honestly say there is a religious type?

2) So you're not the religious type, but are you concerned with Truth?

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

3) Do you have the courage to stand with Christ?

Luke 14:26

"If anyone comes to me... 28 sit down and estimate the cost..."

3) "Do you want to find fulfillment?"

Matt 11:28-30

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."

5) Are you interested in the future?