

THE HYPOCRITICAL PEOPLE IN MY LIFE

²⁸ Outwardly you look like righteous people, but inwardly your hearts are filled with hypocrisy and lawlessness. Matthew 23:28

WHY ARE THEY ACTING LIKE THAT?

1. Maybe they don't really know God. 1 John 2:4; Matthew 7:21 – 23

2. Maybe they don't know any better yet. 1 Corinthians 3:1 – 3

3. Maybe they do know better but don't care. 1 Peter 2:16

HOW TO APPROACH HYPOCRITES

- **We respond with a heart to restore.** Galatians 6:1
- **We respond carefully.**

¹ Dear brothers and sisters, if another believer is overcome by some sin, you who are godly should gently and humbly help that person back onto the right path. And be careful not to fall into the same temptation yourself. Galatians 6:1

¹² If you think you are standing strong, be careful not to fall. 1 Corinthians 10:12

¹⁵ If another believer sins against you, go privately and point out the offense. If the other person listens and confesses it, you have won that person back. ¹⁶ But if you are unsuccessful, take one or two others with you and go back again, so that everything you say may be confirmed by two or three witnesses. ¹⁷ If the person still refuses to listen, take your case to the church. Then if he or she won't accept the church's decision, treat that person as a pagan or a corrupt tax collector. ¹⁸ "I tell you the truth, whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven." ¹⁹ "I also tell you this: If two of you agree here on earth concerning anything you ask, my Father in heaven will do it for you. ²⁰ For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them." Matthew 18:15 - 20

- **Don't be a hypocrite.**

¹⁹ My dear brothers and sisters, if someone among you wanders away from the truth and is brought back, ²⁰ you can be sure that whoever brings the sinner back from wandering will save that person from death and bring about the forgiveness of many sins. James 5:19 - 20