



GULF SHORES
CHURCH OF CHRIST

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TOXIC CHRISTIAN LIVING

Hypocrisy

Introduction: We are studying a series on TOXIC CHRISTIAN LIVING. We need to recognize things that happen when we DON'T give God our best. What gets in our way? What cripples our own spirituality? We need to recognize these enemies and defeat them before they become toxic. We have considered procrastination, fear, covetousness, greed, envy, laziness, selfishness, materialism, pride, lust, and anger. Today we will emphasize the dangers of hypocrisy. Let's study together...

Discussion:

I. Biblical Principles

- A. Hypocrites are inconsistent (**Matthew 23:1-3**).
- B. Hypocrites are inconsiderate (**Matthew 23:4**).
- C. Hypocrites are insincere (**Matthew 23:5-7**).
- D. Hypocrites are invalid (**Matthew 23:8-10**).
- E. Hypocrites are insolent (**Matthew 23:11-12**).

II. Biblical Examples

- A. Judah (**Genesis 38:1-30**)
- B. David (**I Kings 2**)
- C. The Priest & Levite (**Luke 10:25-37**)
- D. Ananias & Sapphira (**Acts 5:1-11**)
- E. The Jews (**Romans 2:17-24**)

Conclusion: The world needs to see the light of God. They need to see Christians doing the work of God (**James 1:22-25**). Throughout all of these lessons we have pointed out that "Toxic Christian Living" consists of a hypocritical walk. Are you ready to defeat these enemies? Then take action immediately. Do you believe in Jesus? Are you following Him daily? Do you believe in the Bible? Are you obeying what the Bible tells you? Learn to be humble, genuine, and real. Look to Jesus! It's time to give God what He deserves... our very best!