

The Harmful Habits

of the Hypocrite

Romans 2

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- It has been said, "Habits are like a cable. We weave a strand of it every day, and soon it cannot be broken."
- Habits are very difficult to break because they are things that we have done so many times that we don't even realize we're doing them anymore! But through the power of Christ in our lives, any bad habit _____ be broken.
- Paul is writing this chapter to reprimand the Jews for their hypocrisy. As I read through this chapter, I noticed three habits that the Jews had fallen into.
- What are the three harmful habits of the hypocrite?

The hypocrite is quick to judge _____, but slow to judge _____. vs. 1-3, vs. 21-24

- Modern-day hypocrites don't kill their neighbors with stones. Who needs a stone when we each have a much more powerful weapon called a _____? Through hateful words and destructive gossip the hypocrite tears others down.
- The truly spiritual person finds the good in others and seeks to _____, instead of always finding the bad and seeking to tear down.

The hypocrite focuses on _____, instead of _____. vs. 11-16, 17-24

- Paul revealed that while Jews boasted in their _____, their actions were filthy and unrighteous.
- Hypocrites usually know a lot, but they don't _____ what they _____. Their walk doesn't match their talk.

- God is not interested in our empty religion and our carnal knowledge. He wants _____ of the Word, not _____ of the Word only.
- *“Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.” Philippians 4:9*

The hypocrite focuses on the _____, instead of the _____. 25-29

- Israel's circumcision was meant to be a physical symbol of how their _____ were set apart unto holiness and righteousness.
- Over time, Israel's hearts became defiled by sin, but they took great _____ in not being uncircumcised like those “filthy” Gentiles.
- They were focused on their _____ appearance, while completely ignoring the _____ problems that they had in their hearts.
- *“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye make clean the **outside** of the cup and of the platter, but **within** they are full of extortion and excess... Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed appear beautiful **outward**, but are **within** full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.” Matthew 23:25, 27*

- How can the habits that we have studied be broken? By humbly yielding to God and allowing His Word to not only _____ our heads, but _____ our lives.
- *“And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.” Romans 12:2*



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