



PART 2: HYPOCRITICAL PEOPLE

INTRODUCTION

We've all had people who push our buttons. These people are the hardest people to love. We have people in our lives who are critical, hypocritical, manipulative, or over-need. Dealing with these people is one of the biggest challenges in life. But there are some incredible truths from Scripture that help us know how to deal with them people and love them like Jesus loves them.

BIBLE VERSES

Matthew 15:7-8

Galatians 2:11-13

Galatians 6:1

1 Corinthians 10:12

Matthew 7:3-5

2 Samuel 12:5-7

Proverbs 28:13

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How does it make you feel when somebody communicates either directly or indirectly, "Do as I say, not as I do?"
2. Read Galatians 6:1. Describe a time when somebody attempted to restore or correct you (either in a healthy way or in an unhealthy way). What have you learned about how to help restore other people who have sinned?
3. Pastor Will taught that rules minus relationship leads to rebellion. Do you agree or disagree? Why?
4. Read 2 Samuel 12:1-7. Describe a time when you've lived a double standard, or violated a standard that you've held others to.
5. Pastor Will taught that we all need "Nathans" in our lives...somebody who will say, "I love you, but you're being a hypocrite right now." Do you have a "Nathan" in your life? If so, who? If not, who could it be?

MOVING FORWARD

Three prayers to pray when dealing with hypocritical people:

1. God, help me to confront with the goal of RESTORATION.
2. God, help me confront with CAUTION.
3. God, help me to confront the hypocrisy in ME.

Will you commit to praying these prayers when you are confronted with hypocritical people or your own hypocritical nature this week? Who will you give permission to hold you accountable when you don't see the hypocrisy in yourself?