

God Knows the Hypocrites

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As Christians, we must be aware of our own vulnerability to hypocrisy and strive for humility and honesty, knowing that God sees the secrets of our hearts.

Scripture: Matthew 7:1

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Description

A.W. Tozer emphasizes the importance of self-reflection and humility in the face of our own shortcomings, cautioning against the tendency to label others as hypocrites. He acknowledges that only Jesus, who is perfect, has the authority to judge, while we must focus on our own faults and the potential for unintentional hypocrisy in our lives. Tozer encourages his congregation to recognize that, despite the spiritual light they may possess, they often fall short of living up to it. Ultimately, he reminds them that God knows the secrets of every heart, urging honesty and humility in their spiritual journey.

Transcript

I do not consider that it is my place as a Christian to stand around making judgments and calling other people "hypocrites." Our Lord Jesus Christ is the only man I know who was holy and perfect enough to call the religious leaders of the day hypocrites. I am just a man with faults and shortcomings of my own, and I must always consider myself lest I be tempted!

I preach to my own congregation about our faults and our failings, with the warning that some of our professions of blessing and victory may get into the area of "unintentional hypocrisy." Through the grace of God and the kindness of our spiritual ancestors we may have spiritual light that some others do not have-but in all honesty, we are wretchedly far below what we should be in living up to it, day by day.

It helps us to be honest and frank and humble to know that the great God Almighty knows the secrets of every person's heart!

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