

The Hypocrite's Only Care

by Thomas Brooks

A sincere Christian's main concern is to keep their heart clean, understanding that a pure heart leads to a pure life.

Scripture: Matthew 23:25

Topics: "Sincerity in Faith", "Heart Purity"

Description

Thomas Brooks emphasizes the distinction between hypocrites and sincere Christians, noting that while hypocrites focus on outward appearances, sincere Christians prioritize the purity of their hearts. He illustrates that a clean heart leads to a clean life, as the heart is the source of all actions. Brooks expresses the sincere Christian's longing for a heart that is enlightened, humble, holy, and zealous for God, contrasting this with the superficiality of hypocrisy. The sermon calls for introspection and a deeper commitment to spiritual integrity rather than mere external compliance.

Transcript

The hypocrite's only care is to keep his outward life from defilement. But the sincere Christian's care is mainly to keep his heart from defilement; for he very well knows, that if he can but keep his heart clean--he shall with more ease keep his life clean. If the fountain is kept pure--the streams will run pure. The heart is the spring of all actions, and therefore every action is as the spring is, from whence it flows; if the spring is good--the action is good which flows from it; if the spring is evil, the action is evil which flows from it.

Hypocrites are all for the outside; they wash the platters

and the cups, and beautify the tombs--like an adulteress

whose care is to paint a fair face upon a foul heart.

But a sincere Christian, though he has a great concern for

the well-ordering of his outward life--yet his main business

and work is about his heart--

"Oh that this ignorant heart were but more enlightened!

Oh that this proud heart were but more humble!

Oh that this profane heart were but more holy!

Oh that this earthly heart were but more heavenly!

Oh that this unbelieving heart were but more believing!

Oh that this passionate heart were but more meek!

Oh that this carnal heart were but more spiritual!

Oh that this vain heart were but more serious!

Oh that this dull heart were but more quickened!

Oh that this dead heart were but more enlivened!

Oh that this lukewarm heart were but more zealous

for God, and Christ, and the gospel, and the great

concerns of eternity!"

Source: <https://sermonindex.net/speakers/thomas-brooks/the-hypocrites-only-care/>

Grow in Your Walk with Christ

Listen and read messages that will stir your heart for Christ and point you to deeper repentance and devotion.

- 50,000+ Sermons from speakers past and present
- 3,900+ Classic Christian Books freely readable online
- 1,200+ Bible Translations and Commentaries
- Over 450k forum posts — Join our vibrant online Christian forum

www.sermonindex.net