Jesus Uncensored
"Religious Hypocrisy"

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Hypocrisy – _____one thing and then _____ another.

"The teachers of the law and the Pharisees sit in Moses' seat. So you must obey them and do everything they tell you. But do not do what they do, for they do not practice what they preach. They tie up heavy loads and put them on men's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to lift a finger to move them." Matthew 23:2-3 (NIV)

Two-Faced Living

1. Living to please _____ not _____.

"Everything they do is done for men to see: They make their phylacteries wide and the tassels on their garments long; they love the place of honor at banquets and the most important seats in the synagogues; they love to be greeted in the marketplaces and to have men call them 'Rabbi."

Matthew 23:5-7 (NIV)

2. Projecting a _____ image.

"…on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness." Matthew 23:28 (NIV)

"Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn."

Romans 12:15 (NIV)

"For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."

Ephesians 2:8-9 (NIV)

True-Faced Living

1. We need to live lives of_____.

"The man of integrity walks securely, but he who takes crooked paths will be found out." Proverbs 10:9 (NIV)

2. We need to live lives of _____.

"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness." I John 1:9 (NIV)

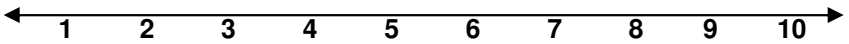
"If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word has no place in our lives." I John 1:10 (NIV)

3. We need to live lives of _____.

"Living then, as every one of you does, in pure grace, it's important that you not misinterpret yourselves as people who are bringing this goodness to God. No, God brings it all to you. The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us, not by what we are and what we do for him." Romans 12:3 (MSG)

Healthy Transparency…

- **Requires _____.**
- **Acknowledges our _____.**
- **Is the first step to_____.**

We need to move from being…

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