

Catch Me On A Good Day

Here's today's question: What's the difference between hypocrites and those of faith?

- It's not sin. Both sin. In a way, they're both hypocritical.
 - Who is in need of salvation? [Romans 3:23](#)
- It's not guilt. Both feel guilty.
 - Saul felt guilty, at times, for pursuing David - [1 Sam. 24:16-22](#). Judas - [Matthew 27:3-5](#)?
- It's not good works. Both can do good.
 - Samson - [Hebrews 11:32](#). Jesus said tax collectors love - [Matthew 5:46](#).
- One wants an open, immediate, temporal reward from man, while the other waits for the future, eternal reward, due to faith practiced in secret that benefits others.
 - Religious folk - [Matthew 6:2-4](#)
- One is trying to be holy while the other tries to act holy. One is known to be holy, while the other wants to be seen as holy.
 - Religious folk - [Matthew 6:5-6](#)
- One wants credit without faith, while the other practices faith because of what's credited by grace.
 - Abraham - [Romans 4:1-5](#)
- One wants fruit without discipline, while the other bears fruit because of discipline.
 - Struggling Christians - [Hebrews 12:7-11](#)
- One is walking in light, while the other hides in the dark.
 - This hits two aspects:
 - One consistently moves, while the other consistently stops. One consistently produces good fruit, while the other consistently produces bad fruit.
 - One doesn't hide their sin, while the other covers it. One lies, while the other tells the truth. [1 John 1:6-10](#); [John 3:19-21](#)
- One is clean inside. The other is clean outside.
 - Scribes & Pharisees - [Matthew 23:25-26](#)

Put all of this together, and you'll understand why a fool leans towards hypocrisy and the wise reject the bait.

What about us? Know the difference between acting holy and being holy. Are we being holy or acting holy?