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*Matthew 23:27-28, 33 (NLT)*

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✓ Hypocrisy is the gap between what we SHOW and WHO WE ARE.

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*Titus 1:16 (NLT)*

✓ Jesus has no tolerance for HYPOCRISY, but has UNLIMITED GRACE for a sinner in need of forgiveness.

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## Hope For The Hypocrite:

1. Start being an HONEST SINNER, rather than a LYING HYPOCRITE.

<sup>13</sup> You will never succeed in life if you try to hide your sins. Confess them and give them up; then God will show mercy to you.

*Proverbs 28:13 (GNT)*

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2. Stop trying to close the gap with PERFECTION.

<sup>23</sup> God, see what is in my heart. Know what is there. Put me to the test. Know what I'm thinking. <sup>24</sup> See if there's anything in my life you don't like. Help me live in the way that is always right.

*Psalms 139:23-24 (NIRV)*

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3. Focus on CLOSING THE GAP between you and JESUS.

<sup>22</sup> . . . Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. <sup>23</sup> Let us hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful.

*Hebrews 10:22-23 (NIV)*

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