

Series: Christmas 2017

Sermon: The Inside Matters More Than the Outside

Bible Verses: Matthew 23:25-28

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Problem: When my inside (_____) and my outside (_____) aren't consistent with each other.

Problem: "looking good" can become part of your normal life, without even _____.

A Revolution Church Core value: Authentic faith. We value _____ between claiming to love God and actually loving God. We reject hypocrisy and mere _____ of goodness. So, we desire God to renew us on the _____, which, in turn, changes us on the outside.

Whoa: We ain't _____. He _____ our deepest thoughts and feelings.

KNOW THIS TRUTH: If I don't want to be a hypocrite I should "_____." The main question is: WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE to _____?

First step: _____ that we need more life on the inside, and wanting it.

Next step: be honest with _____, with _____, and the _____ (confessing our sin, listening to _____, and not putting on _____ about who we are).

Some other things that help us be changed on the inside:

- Knowing _____ (daily Bible reading, read Matthew, Galatians, James, Romans)
- Spending daily time in prayer - _____ (Jesus: wherever our money is, that's where our hearts go)
- Serving God and others - Quiet time and solitude
- _____ loving community (jerk friends)

If we can truly work on the inside, and not just look good on the outside, we'll experience the fruit of the Spirit like _____ and _____!

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Is hypocrisy among Christians a good reason to avoid God or the Church? Check out our conversation with author Mark Clark:
<http://truthrevolution.tv/audioarchives/the-problem-of-god/>

Growth Group prep (to learn about Growth Groups visit www.revo.church/growth-groups)

- Think about a time you "faked it" at Church (or somewhere else). Why'd you do it?
- Think about a time you were honest about a flaw. Why you were finally honest?
- Have you ever lied to yourself about "being fine with God" or "God's fine with me"?