

Do Not Be Conformed to This World #3

Rom 12.2 And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

* **What are** two immutable spiritual laws regarding worship?

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Psalm 115.8 Those who make [idols] are like them; So is everyone who trusts in them.

2Cor 3.18 But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.

* **What is** “virtue” in the Bible?

Phil 4.8 [W]hatever things are true, ... noble, ... just, ... pure, ... lovely, ... of good report, if there is any virtue and ... anything praiseworthy — meditate on these things.

2Pet 1.3 His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, 4 ... that ... you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. 5 ... [F]or this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 ... self-control, ... perseverance, ... godliness, 7 ... brotherly kindness, ... and ... love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither useless nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

* **Who else** talks a lot about virtue?

* **What is** hypocrisy in the Bible?

* **Who is** the primary audience for all of life?

Rom 11.36 For off Him and through Him and to Him are all things, to whom be glory forever. Amen.

Mat 22.37 Jesus said to him, “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.”

* **If we** do not live life first and foremost unto God, we will inevitably begin to live it unto whom?

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* **What is** hypocrisy’s root sin?

John 5.44 “How can you believe, who receive honor from one another, and do not seek the honor that comes from the only God?”

* **Is it** wrong to care what others think?

Luke 2.52 Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.

John 8.29 He who sent Me is with Me. The Father has not left me alone, for I always do those things that please Him.

* **Why does** God have a special hatred for hypocrisy?

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Matthew 6.1 "Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them ... 3 But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing

* **Name three** telltale signs of hypocrisy identified by Jesus.

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Mat 6.2 Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

Mat 15.3 [Jesus] answered and said to [the Pharisees], "Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? 4 For God commanded, saying, 'Honor your father and your mother'

... 5 But you say, 'Whoever says to his father or mother, "Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God" — 6 then he need not honor his father or mother.' Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition. 7 Hypocrites!"

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Mat 23.14 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses, and for a pretense make long prayers."

1Tim 5.3 Honor widows who are really widows. 4 But if any widow has children or grandchildren, let them first learn to show piety at home and to repay their parents; for this is good and acceptable before God ... 8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever. 9 Do not let a widow under sixty years old be taken into the number, and not unless she has been ... 10 well reported for good works ...

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Mat 23:29 "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! Because you build the tombs of the prophets ... 30 and say, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets.' 31 Therefore you are witnesses against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets ... 34 Therefore, indeed, I send you prophets ... some of them you will kill and crucify, and some of them you will scourge in your synagogues and persecute from city to city,

* **How does** our society fare in terms of these telltale signs?