

Why I Don't Go to Church: Hypocrisy

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"I have a great respect for Christianity. I often read the Sermon on the Mount and have gained much from it. I know of no one who has done more for humanity than Jesus. In fact, there is nothing wrong with Christianity, but the trouble is with you Christians. You do not begin to live up to your own teachings." (Ghandi talking with Christian missionary James McEldowney)

Listening to Criticism

Hypocrite: a person who says one thing while doing the _____

- ✓ Matthew 23:27-28: _____

Tips for our church family

- ✓ Be more _____ when wrong: admit & apologize
- ✓ Help each other by gentle confrontation (Matthew 18:15-17)

Tips for the Observer

- ✓ Beware of church families where people don't share _____
- ✓ Look at the _____ to evaluate the level of hypocrisy
- ✓ Don't let a couple of struggling people rob you of spiritual community –
Following Jesus is a _____

Remember!