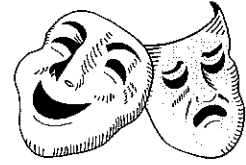


Text: 2 Samuel 11:3-27
Topic: Hypocrisy. Confession.
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Living a Lie

How to Avoid a Life of Hypocrisy



1. Pay _____ (v.4)

2. Care _____ (vv.5-27a)

3. Regularly _____ (v.27b)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's message. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others. This can take place with friends, your family, accountability partners, or ministry groups within the church. For more information about groups at PCC that use these questions as the basis for their weekly discussion please call the church office at (949) 489-2600.

1. Read Hebrews 13:18. How is your conscience? Spend a few minutes pondering several aspects of your life. Is there anything that is presently violating your conscience?

2. Our consciences can be easily desensitized and become calloused through our stubborn unresponsiveness to its promptings. Describe a situation in your life in which you suppressed the feelings of your conscience only to find yourself moving deeper and deeper into sin.

In what ways have you attempted to explain away, play down, or reinterpret feelings of guilt caused by unconfessed sin?

3. Describe a situation in which you believe God was pleased with you while your reputation suffered.

Describe a situation in which your reputation remained intact but God was displeased.

4. Describe a situation in which a concern over your reputation postponed the confession of your sin?

5. Read Psalm 139:23-24. Echo this prayer in your own words and spend some time allowing God to give you his commentary on anything in your life that needs your honest confession.

When in your daily schedule will you purpose to pray this kind of prayer? How will you remember to do so?