Spotting religious hypocrites by their tongues

Brothers and Sisters in Christ, nobody likes to be identified as a hypocrite ESPECIALLY THE ONES THAT ARE HYPOCRITES. But the Holy Scriptures and the Lord Jesus Christ Himself do not have mercy on fakirs.

A hypocrite is defined as*,*

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Many times a hypocrite can be recognized and identified by **their tongue**. Below are some Scriptures that teach us so. These scriptures should not offend an honest, sincere person that is sincere in their walk with the Lord and true to the Lords ways and paths. Hypocrites on the other hand will probably not tolerate them, or change them. Don’t you “Christian,” know that it should be a concern of yours as a child of God to **not** be or be portrayed as a ‘HYPOCRITE?’ No hypocrite is a hypocrite by accident. They are hypocrites intentionally and deliberately. Christian, don’t let that be you!

“Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men **Ye are the light of the world**. A city that is set on an hill **cannot be hid**. Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, **but on a candlestick**; and ***it giveth light unto all*** that are in the house. **Let your light so shine before men, *that they may see your good works*, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.**” ***Matthew 5:13-16***

Jesus say’s that a sincere child of God’s light is to be seen and cannot be hid. Notice the command to let it shine. Also, it is not hypocritical works but ‘good works.’ How can one tell they are sincere and good? Because, ‘THE ONE’S THAT SEE THEM, GLORIFY YOUR FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN,’ not one’s self, like hypocrites do.

The following verses should help to clarify things a bit.

“They that trust in their wealth, and **boast themselves** in the multitude of their riches;”

***Psalms 49:6***

“Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever, and their dwelling places to all generations; **they call** their lands after their own names.” ***Psalms 49:11***

“This their way is their folly: yet their posterity **approve their sayings**. Selah.” ***Psalms 49:13***

“Though while he lived **he blessed his soul**: and men will praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself.” ***Psalms 49:18***

“Man **that is in honor**, and **understandeth not**, is like the beasts that perish.” ***Psalms 49:20***

“The fool **hath said in his heart**, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity: there is none that doeth good.” ***Psalms 53:1***

“The **words of his mouth** were smoother than butter, but war was in his heart: **his words were softer than oil**, yet were they drawn swords.” ***Psalms 55:21***

“They **encourage themselves** in an evil matter: **they commune** of laying snares privily; **they say**, Who shall see them? They search out iniquities; they accomplish a diligent search: both the inward thought of every one of them, and the heart, is deep.” ***Psalms 64:5-6***

“Truly God is good to Israel, even to such as are of a clean heart. But as for me, my feet were almost gone; my steps had well nigh slipped. For I was envious at the foolish, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. For there are no bands in their death: but their strength is firm. They are not in trouble as other men; neither are they plagued like other men. Therefore pride compasseth them about as a chain; violence covereth them as a garment. Their eyes stand out with fatness: they have more than heart could wish. They are corrupt, and **speak wickedly concerning oppression**: **they speak loftily**. They **set their mouth against the heavens, and their tongue walketh through the earth**. Therefore his people return hither: and waters of a full cup are wrung out to them. And **they say**, How doth God know? and is there knowledge in the most High? ***Psalms 73:1-11***

“They have taken crafty **counsel** against thy people, and **consulted against** thy hidden ones. They **have said**, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; that the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance. For they have **consulted together** with one consent: they are confederate against thee:” ***Psalms 83:3-5***

“My soul hath long dwelt with **him that hateth peace**. I am for peace: but when I speak, **they are for war**.” ***Psalms 120:6-7***

“Deliver me, O LORD, from the evil man: preserve me from the violent man; Which imagine mischiefs in their heart; continually are they gathered together for war. They have **sharpened their tongues like a serpent; adders’ poison is under their lips**. Selah.” ***Psalms 140:1-3***

“But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I have heard of God: this did not Abraham. Ye do the deeds of your father. Then **said they to him**, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I proceeded forth and came from God; neither came I of myself, but he sent me. Why do ye not understand my speech? even because ye cannot hear my word Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father ye will do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and abode not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. **When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father of it**. And because I tell you the truth, ye believe me not. Which of you convinceth me of sin? And if I say the truth, why do ye not believe me? He that is of God heareth God’s words: ye therefore hear them not, because ye are not of God. **Then answered the Jews, and said** unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a devil?” ***John 8:40-48***

““But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in you. I am come in my Father’s name, and ye receive me not: **if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive**. How can ye believe, **which receive honor one of another**, and seek not the honor that cometh from God only? Do not think that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, in whom ye trust. For had ye believed Moses, ye would have believed me; for he wrote of me. But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words? ***John 5:42-47***

“And the burden of the LORD shall ye mention no more: for **every man’s word** shall be his burden; for **ye have perverted the words of the living God**, of the LORD of hosts our God.” ***Jeremiah 23:36***

“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites**! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which indeed **appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men’s bones, and of all uncleanness**. Even so **ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but within ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity**. Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, **hypocrites**! because ye build the tombs of the prophets, and garnish the sepulchres of the righteous, **And say**, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we would not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. Wherefore **ye be witnesses unto yourselves**, that ye are the children of them which killed the prophets.” ***Matthew 23:27-31***

“And he said unto them, **Ye are they which justify yourselves** before men; **but God knoweth your hearts**: for that **which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God**.” ***Luke 16:15***

“For when **they speak great swelling words of vanity**, they allure through the lusts of the flesh, through much wantonness, those that were clean escaped from them who live in error.”

***2 Peter 2:18***

“These are **murmurers, complainers**, walking after their own lusts; and **their mouth speaketh great swelling words**, having men’s persons in admiration because of advantage.” ***Jude 16***

“Let no man beguile you of your reward **in a voluntary humility** and worshipping of angels, intruding into those things which **he hath not seen**, **vainly puffed up** by his fleshly mind,” ***Colossians 2:18***

“And they will deceive every one his neighbor, and will not speak the truth: **they have taught their tongue to speak lies**, and weary themselves to commit iniquity.” ***Jeremiah 9:5***

“**Their tongue is as an arrow** shot out; **it speaketh deceit**: **one speaketh peaceably to his neighbor with his mouth, but in heart he layeth his wait**.” ***Jeremiah 9:8***

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“Take heed to yourselves, that your heart **be not deceived**, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them;” ***Deuteronomy 11:16***

“**Let not him that is deceived trust in vanity**: for vanity shall be his recompence.” **Job 15:31**

“And he said, Take heed that **ye be not deceived**: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and the time draweth near: **go ye not therefore after them**.” ***Luke 21:8***

“Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? **Be not deceived**: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. And such were some of you: but ye are washed, but ye are sanctified, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.”

***1 Corinthians 6:9-11***

“**Be not deceived**: evil communications corrupt good manners.” ***1 Corinthians 15:33***

“**Be not deceived**; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap life everlasting. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.” ***Galatians 6:7-9***

“For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, **deceived**, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.” ***Titus 3:3***

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“But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, **and without hypocrisy**. And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace of them that make peace.” ***James 3:17-18***

“Hast thou faith? have it to thyself before God. Happy is he **that condemneth not himself in that thing which he alloweth**.” ***Romans 14:22***

“If any man among you **seem to be** religious, and bridleth not **his tongue**, but **deceiveth his own heart**, this man’s religion **is vain**.” ***James 1:27***

Brothers and Sisters **don’t be a hypocrite**, **don’t follow one**, and **don’t believe one**.

Amen!