



JESUS challenges HYPROCRISY

Eating with Jesus Series

The story.....Luke 11.37-52

➤ Woes on the Pharisees and the Experts in the Law

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⁴⁵ One of the experts in the law answered him, “Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us also.”

⁴⁶ Jesus replied, “And you experts in the law, woe to you, because you load people down with burdens they can hardly carry, and you yourselves will not lift one finger to help them.

⁴⁷ “Woe to you, because you build tombs for the prophets, and it was your ancestors who killed them. ⁴⁸ So you testify that you approve of what your ancestors did; they killed the prophets, and you build their tombs. ⁴⁹ Because of this, God in his wisdom said, ‘I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and others they will persecute.’

⁵⁰ Therefore this generation will be held responsible for the blood of all the prophets that has been shed since the beginning of the world, ⁵¹ from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who was killed between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, this generation will be held responsible for it all.

⁵² “Woe to you experts in the law, because you have taken away the key to knowledge. You yourselves have not entered, and you have hindered those who were entering.”

⁵³ As Jesus was leaving, the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees became hostile and tried to provoke him with many questions. ⁵⁴ They wanted to trap him into saying something they could use against him.



➤ **WHAT IS A HYPOCRITE**

The word *hypocrite* is rooted in the Greek word *hypokrites*, which means “stage actor, pretender, dissembler.” So think of a *hypocrite* as a person who pretends to be a certain way, but really acts and believes the total opposite. Hypocrites usually talk a big talk but fail to follow their own rules — like an outspoken vegetarian who secretly eats bacon.

Source: Vocabulary.com Dictionary



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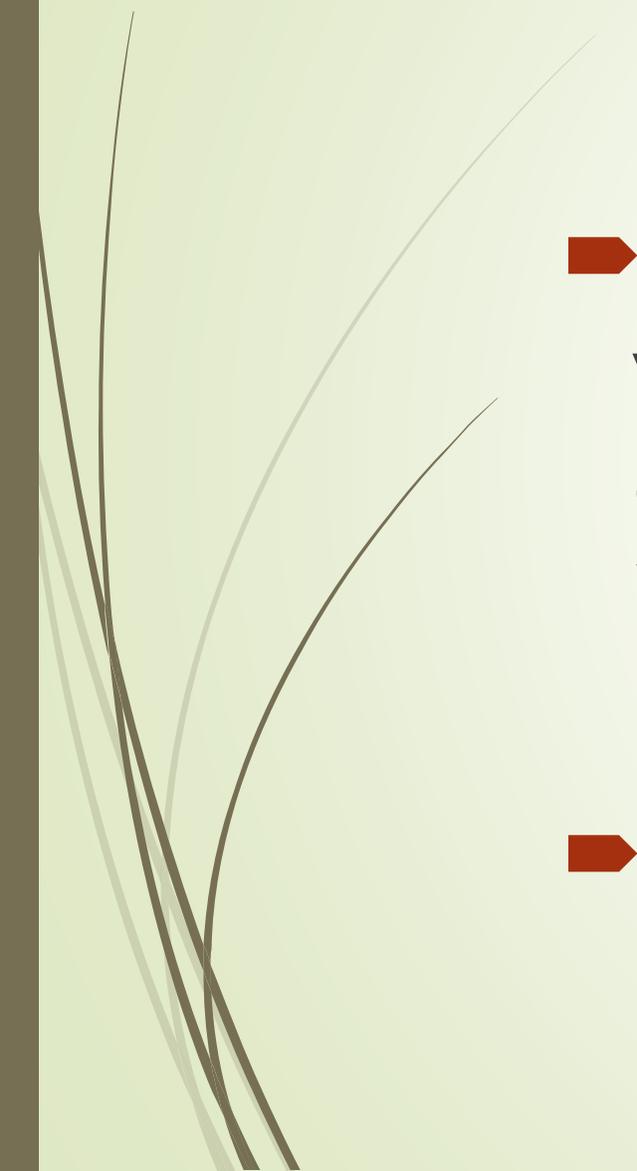
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➤ ¹⁵ He said to them, “You are the ones who justify yourselves in the eyes of others, but God knows your hearts. What people value highly is detestable in God’s sight.

➤ LUKE 16.15

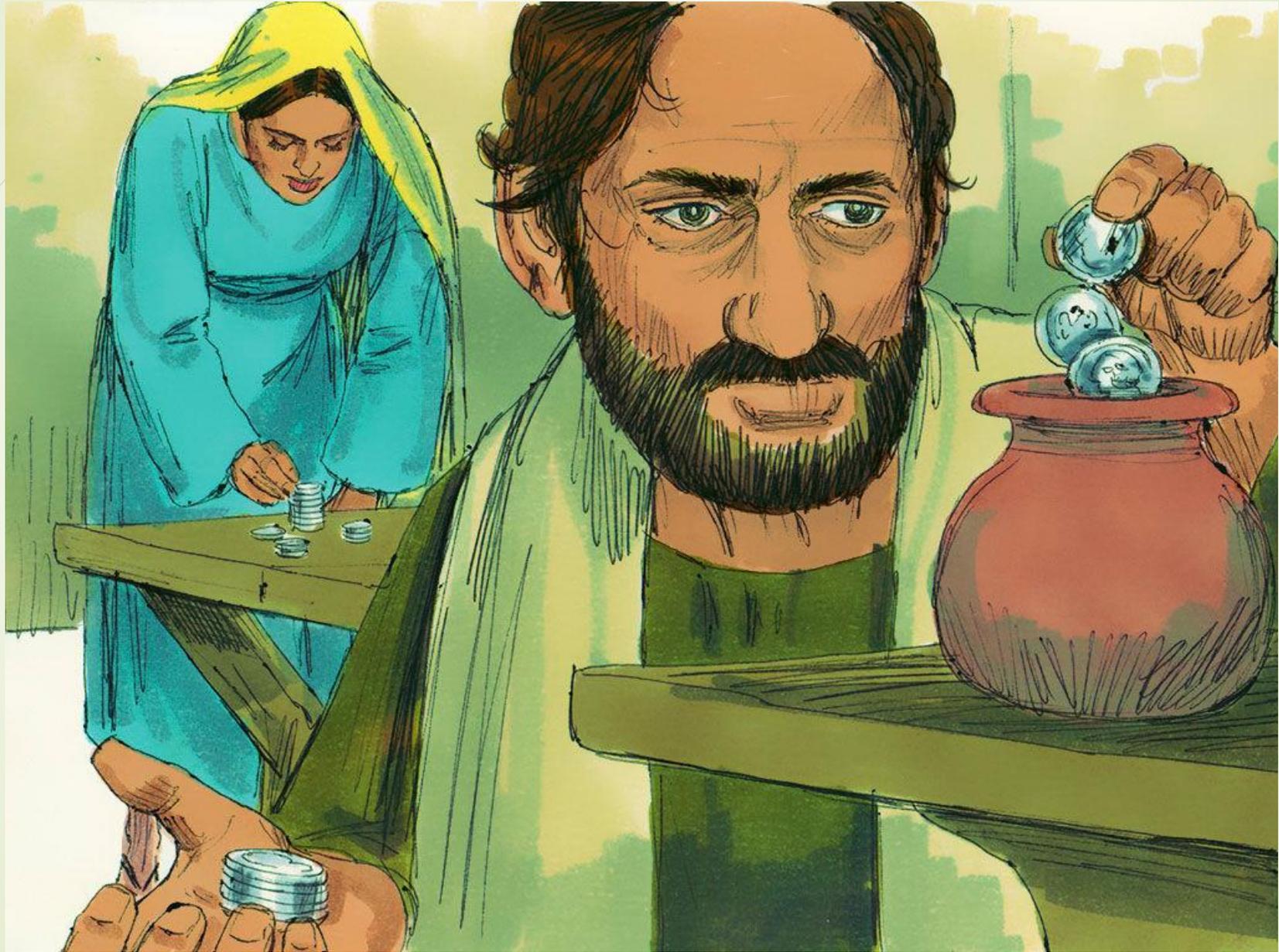


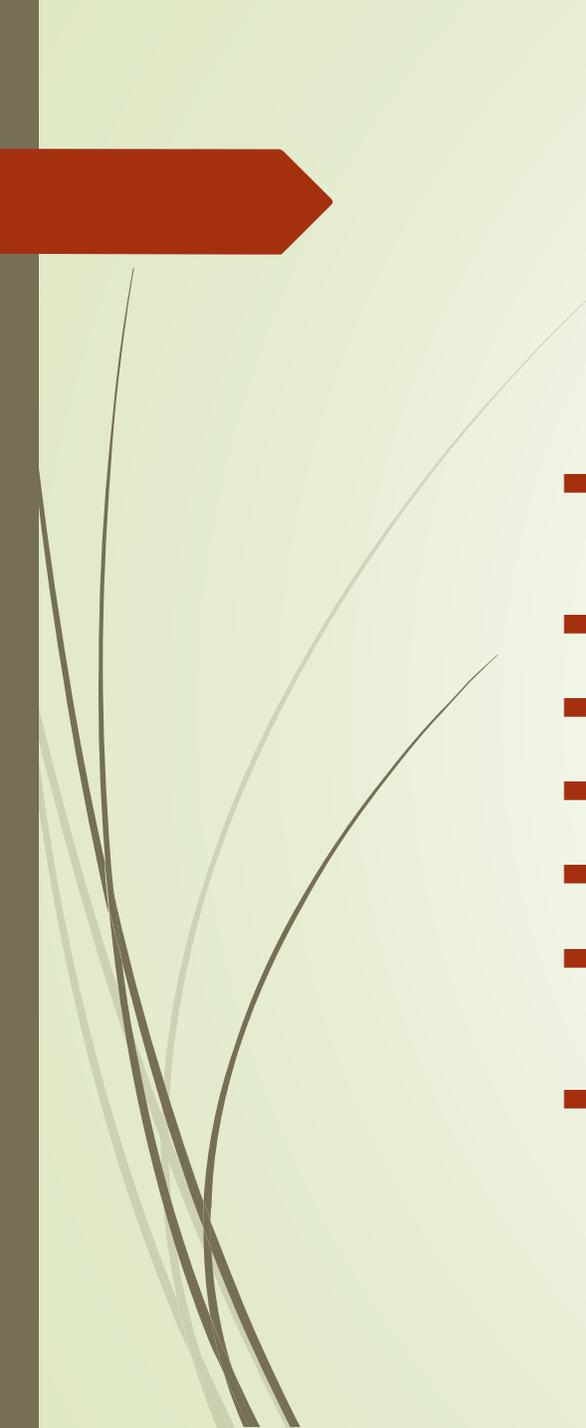
➤ **The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector**

- To some who were confident of their own righteousness and looked down on everyone else, Jesus told this parable: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood by himself and prayed: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other people—robbers, evildoers, adulterers—or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week and give a tenth of all I get.’
- “But the tax collector stood at a distance. He would not even look up to heaven, but beat his breast and said, ‘God, have mercy on me, a sinner.’
- “I tell you that this man, rather than the other, went home justified before God. For all those who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.”
- LUKE 18.9-14

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- There were two men in a certain town, one rich and the other poor. The rich man had a very large number of sheep and cattle, but the poor man had nothing except one little ewe lamb he had bought. He raised it, and it grew up with him and his children. It shared his food, drank from his cup and even slept in his arms. It was like a daughter to him. “Now a traveler came to the rich man, but the rich man refrained from taking one of his own sheep or cattle to prepare a meal for the traveler who had come to him. Instead, he took the ewe lamb that belonged to the poor man and prepared it for the one who had come to him.”
 - David burned with anger against the man and said to Nathan, “As surely as the LORD lives, the man who did this must die! He must pay for that lamb four times over, because he did such a thing and had no pity.” Then Nathan said to David, “You are the man!”
 - 2 Samuel 12 verse 1 onwards

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- ▶ When Peter came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face, because he stood condemned. For before certain men came from James, he used to eat with the Gentiles. But when they arrived, he began to draw back and separate himself from the Gentiles because he was afraid of those who belonged to the circumcision group. The other Jews joined him in his hypocrisy, so that by their hypocrisy even Barnabas was led astray.
 - ▶ Gal 2 11-13



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- ▶ Jesus hates hypocrisy and pretence. He wants us to be truthful and open – what you see is what you get.
 - ▶ I am a hypocrite if my Christianity does not extend to my wallet
 - ▶ I am a hypocrite if my Christianity does not extend to my compassion
 - ▶ I am a hypocrite if my Christianity does not extend to my witness
 - ▶ I am a hypocrite if my Christianity does not extend to my forgiveness
 - ▶ I am a hypocrite if my Christianity does not extend to my loving of, and caring for others.
 - ▶ I am a hypocrite if my Christianity does not extend to my humility



➤ Christianity requires that believers should be open and above board. They should be themselves. Their lives should be like an open book, easily read.

➤ **Source: Kenneth Wuest**