

Authentic!



**Vermeer's *"Christ and the
Disciples at Emmaus"*
sold to Field Marshall
Hermann Goering**



La Bella Principessa
By Leonardo da Vinci?



Let your light shine before others,
so that they may see your good
works and give glory to your
Father who is in heaven.

Matt. 5:16



**How successful was “The Church”
at accomplishing this in 2020?**



Four commonalities to each of
the three “*spiritual disciplines*”
in Matt. 6:1-18



“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.” Matt.6:1



Jesus was not addressing the Pharisees. He was addressing the rank and file, the average blue-collar, salt-of-the-earth, man on the street.



“When you give, . . .” Matt.6:2

“When you pray, . . .” Matt. 6:5

“When you fast, . . .” Matt 6:16



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4. Each promises a reward from God.



**At the core of each exhortation
is a call to “not be like
the hypocrites.” 6:5**



**Christians aren't perfect . . .
They aren't even
good spellurs!**



“Two-thirds of Millennials believe that American churchgoers are a lot or somewhat hypocritical (66%). To a generation that prides itself on the ability to smell a fake at ten paces, hypocrisy is a worrisome indictment.”

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**What is the Scriptural
definition of hypocrisy?**



¹Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, ²“The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat, ³so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do.



For they preach, but do not practice. ⁴They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger. ⁵They do all their deeds to be seen by others. Matt. 23:1-5



Hypocrisy is not the persistent failure to live up to the standards to which you genuinely espouse.



**Hypocrisy is setting and
applauding high standards that
one has no intention of living by.**



**Hypocrisy is behaving, or speaking
as if one has attained to those
standards when one has not,
and hasn't even tried.**



**Hypocrisy is condemning others
for doing (or failing to do) that
which we persistently do
(or fail to do) ourselves
without remorse.**



Hypocrisy is ubiquitous



**Peter and Barnabas were guilty
of hypocrisy in Antioch.**

Galatians 2:11-14



Paul was guilty too.

**“I do not understand what I do.
For what I want to do I do not do,
but what I hate I do.”**

Rom. 7:15



What can we do to counteract the world's perception of the church as a bunch of hypocrites?



The world's condemnation of the church as hypocrites is not likely to be assuaged by our fancy definitions.



Be honest about failures



Be quiet about victories



**Be different from the
world, be better
with humility.**



**“You think you’re holier
than thou.”**



**Be ready to apologize for
my sins and sins that are
not my own.**



Be authentic.

