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  - b. The temptation to hypocrisy is \_\_\_\_\_.
  - c. The reward for hypocrisy is a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.
2. A practical example.
  - a. When you give...
  - b. Don't blow your horn.
  - c. It's all you'll get.
3. A plan for protection.
  - a. Give \_\_\_\_\_.
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**BE DIFFERENT  
LIVE DIFFERENT**



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What is the essence of hypocrisy?

**Matthew 15:7-9**

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The desire of the hypocrite  
is to have the focus of attention  
upon himself.

### **1 Corinthians 4:7**

What do you have that you did not receive?  
And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if  
you had not received it?

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**Which one of us is not tempted  
to use God or the things of God  
to satisfy our own desires?**

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# No Approval from God

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**The reward for hypocrisy will  
be as empty as the heart  
of the hypocrite.**

# A Practical Example

A grayscale background image showing a hand holding a small object, possibly a piece of wood or a tool, with a ruler visible in the foreground.

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*Giving can be an authentic  
expression of righteousness.*

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### **Hebrews 11:6**

And without faith it is impossible to please Him,  
for he who comes to God must believe that He is,  
and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

The key question...

**Whose approval are you  
really seeking?**