



RCCG SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENT MANUAL 17 DECEMBER 2023 LESSON 16

Description

This is the RCCG Sunday School student manual 17 DECEMBER 2023 for the adult class. Today's Lesson Sixteen topic is HYPOCRITES IN THE CHURCH.

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TOPIC: HYPOCRITES IN THE CHURCH

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BIBLE PASSAGE: Job 36:13-14

¹³ But the hypocrites in heart heap up wrath: they cry not when he bindeth them.

¹⁴ They die in youth, and their life is among the unclean.

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 23:27

Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whited sepulchres, which appear beautiful outward, but are within full of dead men's bones, and of all uncleanness.

INTRODUCTION

A person who pretends to be something that he/she is not is a hypocrite. It is not just making a mistake but a deliberate plan to pretend, deceive or cheat. The person is dirty inside but clean outside (Matthew 23:27).

OUTLINES:

1. FORMS AND REASONS FOR HYPOCRISY
2. CONSEQUENCES AND REWARD OF HYPOCRISY

1. FORMS AND REASONS FOR HYPOCRISY

A. Hypocrisy can take three forms:

The first form is professing belief in something and then acting in a manner contrary to that belief (Isaiah 29:13).

The second form is to look down on others when we too are flawed (Matthew 7:3-5; Romans 2:1).

The third form of hypocrisy ourselves to be what we are not (Romans – this is common on the social media).

Jesus described hypocrites as wolves in sheep's clothing (Matthew 7:15),

white-washed tombs (Matthew 23:27),

snakes and broods of vipers (Matthew 23:33),

and graves (Luke 11:44).

There are several reasons people engage in hypocrisy. These include pride of life (1 John 2:15-16); desire for men's honour (John 12:43) and a feeling of insecurity (2 Corinthians 10:12).

They want to be respected in the church as holy but in secret, committing sins (1 Samuel 15:13-15, 20, 25-30).

Ananias and his wife wanted the praise given to Barnabas when they were not as faithful (Acts 4:34-37; 5:1-10).

Some people pretend to be who/what they are not to cheat (Genesis 27:20-22).

People who declare false records and inaccurate tithing fall under this category (Proverbs 11:1).

Self-indulgence may be another reason for hypocrisy (Romans 16:18).

CLASS ACTIVITY 1:

The teacher should ask students about other reasons for hypocrisy in the church.

2. CONSEQUENCES AND REWARD OF HYPOCRISY

The consequences of hypocrisy may include:

- i. Bad leadership (1 Samuel 15:24).
- ii. Shame and disgrace (Jeremiah 13:25-26).
- iii. Punishment (Proverbs 11:21).
- iv. Curses (Job 15:34-35).
- v. Untimely or spiritual death (Job 36:13-14).

God knows all things including the secret deceit of the heart (Psalm 44:21) and all the ways of man (Job 31:4; Psalms 1:6).

No one can hide from Him or deceive Him (Psalm 139:7-12).

He will repay every man according to his works (Revelation 22:11-12).

CLASS ACTIVITY 2:

Have you ever been or come across someone involved in hypocrisy, share the consequences.

CONCLUSION: RCCG SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENT MANUAL 17 DECEMBER 2023

Hypocrisy is a sin against God, the only solution is repentance (Isaiah 55:7).

QUESTION

Mention four reasons for hypocrisy.

What are the consequences of hypocrisy?

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Identify five (5) enemies of sincerity (No mark).

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