



## 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**

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

<sup>14</sup> 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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