

No Partiality, No Excuses

When it comes to our sin, the person we struggle with lying to the most is ourselves. In one moment we justify our behavior by pointing to our motives. In the next moment we justify our motives by comparing ourselves with someone else. Then we abandon all motives and ask God to look at our good deeds. It is a hopeless practice because God knows it all.

Scripture(s): Romans 2:9-16

Today's thought: There are no _____ that can be used hide our imperfections from God.

I. The first truth that declares that we cannot justify ourselves before God is God's judgment is always _____. God simply asks everyone to live by what they _____.

James 4:17 Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin.

II. The second truth that declares that we cannot justify ourselves before God is kind people everywhere show the _____ of God's word. The Old Testament law simply explains what our hearts already cry out for: _____.

James 3:9-10 9 With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; 10 from the same mouth come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way.

III. The third truth that declares that we cannot justify ourselves before God is God knows our _____ heart. In the end, the _____ of our heart will stand with us before God.

Mark 10:21-22 21 Looking at him, Jesus felt a love for him and said to him, "One thing you lack: go and sell all you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." 22 But at these words he was saddened, and he went away grieving, for he was one who owned much property.

What should we do?

1. Live by what you _____ and not by what is accepted in your circle.
2. Examine the " _____ " of what you do without justification.
3. Live your life saying _____ to Jesus. In what specific way have you said yes to Jesus _____ ?

Our challenge : Do not excuse false motives even though you can _____ your actions.

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