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When A Rite Is Wrong - Mark 7:1-23

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\_\_\_\_\_ for a sinner in need  
of forgiveness.

### Hope For The Hypocrite:

1. Start being an \_\_\_\_\_, rather than  
a \_\_\_\_\_.

"People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess  
and turn from them, they will receive mercy.  
Proverbs 28:13

2. Stop trying to close the gap with \_\_\_\_\_

**Memory Verse**  
"Search me, O God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious thoughts.  
Point out anything in me that offends you,  
and lead me along the path of everlasting life."  
Psalm 139:23-24

3. Focus on closing the gap with \_\_\_\_\_

"Let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that  
faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience  
and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unwaveringly to  
the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful."  
Hebrews 10:22-23

**MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .**

- Confess my sins to God, turn from them and receive his mercy for the first time today by becoming a follower of Jesus Christ.
- Memorize Psalm 139:23-24
- Make Psalm 139:23-24 my prayer this week
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and what we **Wish** we **Did**.

Hypocrisy is the gap between what we **Show**  
and **Who** we **Are**.

Jesus has no tolerance for **Hypocrisy**, but has  
**Unlimited Grace** for a sinner in need

### Hope For The Hypocrite:

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Proverbs 28:13

## 2. Stop trying to close the gap with **Perfection**

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