

Vision for our Vineyard : To Experience God and to Help People

On MATTHEW 23 "HONEST"

- **AN HONEST PERSON is one who is clean in his heart.**

- "How terrible it will be for you teachers of religious law and you Pharisees. Hypocrites! You are so careful to clean the outside of the cup and the dish, but inside you are filthy—full of greed and self-indulgence. You try to look like upright people outwardly but inside your hearts are filled with hypocrisy and lawlessness.

Matthew 23:25,28

- "Don't you know that **your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit**, who lives in you and was given to you by God?

I Corinthians 6:19

- "The high and lofty One who inhabits eternity, the Holy one, says this, 'I live in that high and holy place with those whose spirits are **contrite and humble.**'"

Isaiah 57:15,16

- **CLEANS HOUSE.** An honest person is not a perfect person but what you see them doing and saying is pretty much what is in their heart and mind. They are cleaning their inner house so that God and other people will like living with them. An honest person is determined to have an honest mind and to know what's wrong with him. He deals with his fantasies and unclean and unkind imaginations.

- "Search me, O God, and know my heart, test me and know my thoughts. Point out anything that offends you, and lead me along the path of everlasting life."

Psalm 139: 23-24

A HYPOCRITE is the only kind of person Jesus cannot approve of because they live a lie and reject the truth. They wear a mask covering the face of their heart. Hypocrites do not practice what they preach.

"Hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs—beautiful on the outside but filled on the inside with dead people's bones and all sorts of impurity. You try to look like upright people outwardly, but inside your hearts are filled with hypocrisy and lawlessness." V.1-4.27-28

THE BOTTOM LINE

Live as an honest person, connected to people and to God.