

WHY LIVE A LIE?

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" ... You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. "{Matthew 22:37} Whenever I read this passage, then look at the lives of many of my brethren, I begin to wonder, have I said everything that I know to say, tried to set the best example that I know to set, tried to be kind and longsuffering, and, yet many still choose to be disobedient to God. Why? Time has given me some answers, but none will be acceptable to God. Leading a double life is the worst kind to lead (James 1:8). So, **why live a lie?**

For one to truly love God they must be genuine, sincere, and be evidenced in all aspects of one's life. Christianity is not something that we just "wear" on Sunday morning, if we are trying to please God.

"Forsake not the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is,..." {Hebrews 10:25} We have members that only come once per week and then only to Sunday morning worship service. If you can attend and won't, who are you fooling? Is this a profound love of God with all your heart, soul, and mind?

"Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him." {1 John 3:17} Yet, brethren that fail to talk with each other, brethren who can only find fault in what others do, brethren that gossip and run down fellow saints to other brethren and those outside of Christ –“ ... how does the love of God abide in him?" {1 John 3: 17}

"She has done what she could ... "{Mark 14:8} In the Lord's church, only small percentages are doing His work. When there is visiting to be done, who goes? When there is a new member who needs to have some extra classes, who teaches them? If the congregation has a work day, who comes? When visitors come our way, who greets them? If teachers are needed for our Bible classes, who volunteers? When one has suffered the loss of a loved one, who offers sympathy and understanding? The answer to all these questions is **THE SAME ONES ALWAYS DO IT**. Think about it! ***