

**Evening Home Assemblies...continued**

**PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS:**

What was your take-away from this morning's sermon?

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Describe the character of leaven and self-righteousness? \_\_\_\_\_

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Why is personal example so critical to advancing the Kingdom?

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Why is it important to examine both our actions and our motives?

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List some very specific ways Hypocrites keep people out of the church or becoming fruitful? \_\_\_\_\_

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**POINTS FOR PRAYER:**

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**PLEASANT HILL CHURCH OF CHRIST**

Morning Assembly-Sept. 22nd,2019

**Title:***BEWARE OF THE LEAVEN OF THE HYPOCRITES!*

**Text:**Luke 12:1 and Matthew 23:13

**Introduction:** The opposite of sincere, genuine Christianity is hypocrisy. We must be very aware of the hypocrites, "Cosmetic-Counterfeit Christianity." We must also be aware of possible hypocritical tendencies in ourselves.

**POINT 1:**Beware of the Leaven of the Pharisees! *Luke 12:1*

- \* *Luke is warning us and defines their leaven.*
  - What is Leaven?An element, such as yeast, the permeates and very subtly influences the entire item affected.
  - What is the Leaven of the Pharisees?
    1. Luke 12:1 *Their Leaven is...Hypocrisy!*  
**Definition:** an actor or pretender- one who disguises real heat motives to gain an advantage or influence.
    2. Matt. 16:1-12*They influence thru...teaching!*  
 \*How does a hypocrite teach?
      - A. Through...through their words and lessons.
      - B. Through...through their actions and examples.

**POINT 2:**Woe! They Shut off the Kingdom! *Matt. 23:13*

- \* *Hypocrites keep themselves and others out of heaven.*
  - What is the Kingdom Heaven?Simply stated, the Kingdom of God or Heaven is the Church of Jesus Christ. It is the people redeemed by His blood sacrifice.*Matt. 13:11, 16:28, Mark 4:1, 9:1, & Col. 1:13-14*
  - How do they shut people off from the Kingdom?
    1. Luke 11:52*They take away "Key of Knowledge"*  
 The Key of Knowledge is the written word about the incarnate Word. \*2 *Peter 1:1-15*
      - ✓ True Knowledge (1108)\_is "Gnosis" which means the Written Word.
      - ✓ True Knowledge (1922)\_is "Epignosis" which is referring to Christ who is the incarnate Word of God.
    2. Matthew 23:15*They make a..."Son of Hell"*  
 Hypocrites do not teach/speak the whole truth  
 Hypocrites do not live manifest the true Christ  
 \*Example:Children learn from parent' example.

**Conclusions:**\_\_\_\_\_