

“No one puts a
piece from a new
garment on an
old one”

Luke 5:36



A new life or just
patching?!



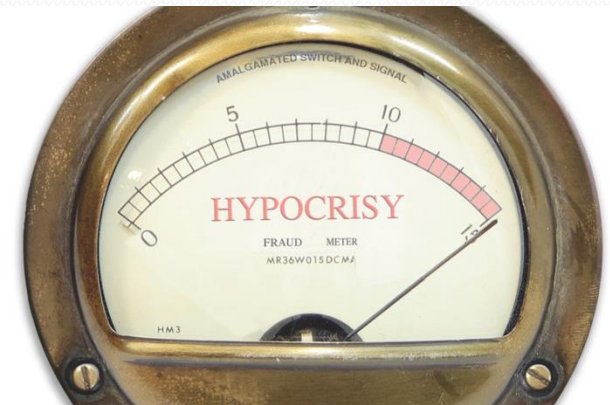
HIGHLIGHTS

1. Forms of Patching
2. Weakness or Duality?
3. Serious Consequences
4. The New Life



I. FORMS OF PATCHING (1)

1. Spiritual practices with no change of heart:
 - “In fact, in the day of your fast you find pleasure, And exploit all your laborers” *Isaiah 58:3*
2. Confessing a sin with no intention to change course



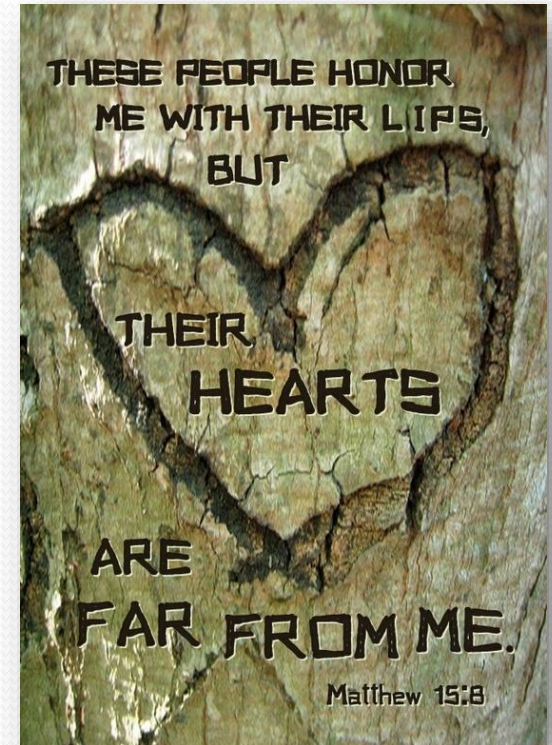
I. FORMS OF PATCHING (2)

3. Attending the liturgy while being on my phone – Coming to the church for any reason except to honor and worship God!
4. Serving in the church while partaking in the world's sinful amusement and mockery



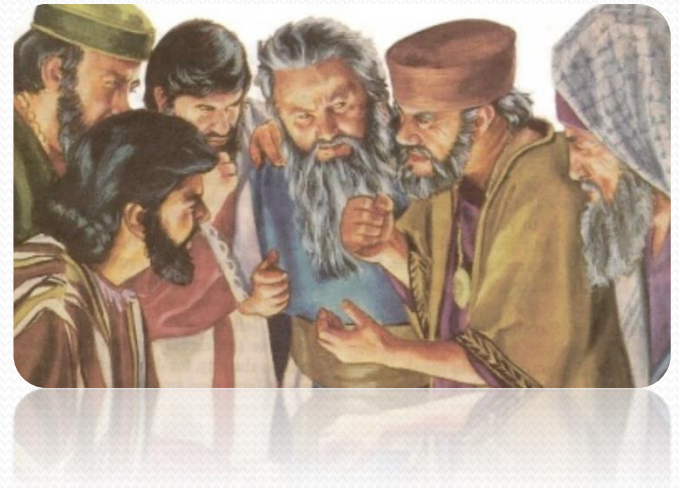
I. FORMS OF PATCHING (3)

5. Confessing Christ as Lord in hymns and denying Him in words and behavior outside the church:
- “These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with *their* lips, But their heart is far from Me” *Matthew 15:8*



I. FORMS OF PATCHING (4)

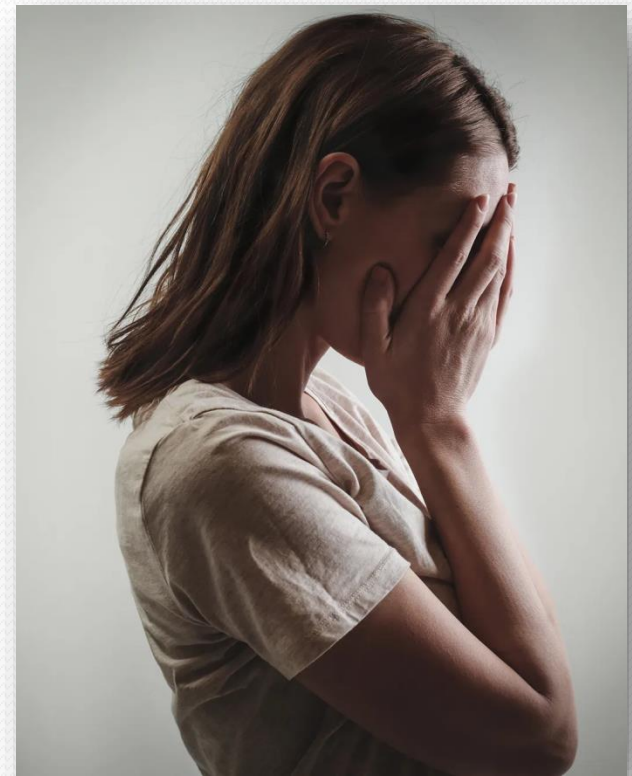
6. The Pharisees' style of focusing on the outside while the inside is defiled



II. WEAKNESS OR DUALITY ⁽¹⁾

➤ Signs of Sin out of weakness:

1. “Overtaken in a trespass”-
Sudden and unplanned
2. Deep sense of remorse and
determination to try harder
3. Receiving the medicine
diligently



II. WEAKNESS OR DUALITY ⁽²⁾

➤ Signs of Sin out of weakness:

(Cont.)

4. Quick repentance and change of course
5. Sincere struggle –
Self-judgment



II. WEAKNESS OR DUALITY ⁽³⁾

➤ Signs of Duality:

1. Deliberate sinning –
Planning & Executing
2. No true repentance –
Debating & Arguing
3. Carelessness



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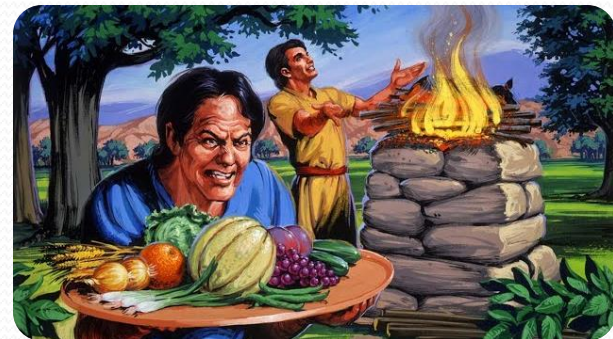
➤ Signs of Duality: (Cont.)

4. Negligence and disrespect of the spiritual medicine
5. Judging others – Entitlement – Self-justification and finding excuses for this lifestyle



III. SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES ⁽¹⁾

1. God's rejection of the offerings:
 - “When they fast, I will not hear their cry; and when they offer burnt offering and grain offering, I will not accept them” *Jeremiah 14:12*
 - “I cannot endure iniquity and the sacred meeting” *Isaiah 1:13*



III. SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES (2)

2. Numbness of the conscience and loss of sense of need to change
3. Becoming a major source of offense and blasphemy against God



IV. THE NEW LIFE ⁽¹⁾

1. “Therefore, if anyone *is* in Christ, *he is* a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new”

2 Cor. 5:17

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IV. THE NEW LIFE (2)

2. “For what fellowship has righteousness with lawlessness? And what communion has light with darkness? And what accord has Christ with Belial? Or what part has a believer with an unbeliever? And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God.”

2 Corinthians 6: 14 – 16



IV. THE NEW LIFE (3)

3. Only the New and Sincere life in the Lord Christ can give the taste of how good the Lord is and how sweet is life with Him.
4. It is the New Life in the Lord Christ that can satisfy the human heart and give purpose and meaning to the person's existence.

