

Dealing With Hypocrisy
"Living a Whole Life"
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Romans 12:1 And so, dear brothers and sisters, I plead with you to give your bodies (lives) to God. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice-the kind he will accept. When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask?

My Life Equation:

1) Jesus pleased God completely.

1 John 2:1 ... I am writing this to you so that you will not sin. But if you do sin, there is someone to plead for you before the Father. He is Jesus Christ, the one who pleases God completely.

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2) I should live my life as Christ did.

1 John 2:6 Those who say they live in God should live their lives as Christ did.

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God expects me to live for Him completely.

Pwr Pt: To illustrate, show for example some specific and distinct "sectors" of life, that are somewhat random: Thoughts, Emotions, Money, Work, Leisure Time, Kids & Family, Friendships, Church; Have each of these moving somewhat randomly on a slide to emphasize that they are "floating" out there, giving the impression that there is no real order.

1 John 2:15 (NLT) Stop loving this evil world and all that it offers you, for when you love the world, you show that you do not have the love of the Father in you.

The Human Problem:

1) More focus on pleasing others at the expense of pleasing God.

2) Pleasing others leads to isolation from God.

Pwr Pt: Bring the eight "floating sectors" of life into a grid of boxes that emphasize that they are separated by lines.

Compartmentalization - Segregating life into distinct cells, based on activities, with differing standards of expectations and behaviors.

Pwr Pt: As this is said, add a box for God.

Pwr Pt: Show slide here that dissolves lines in the previous compartmentalization slide

The Solution:

1) Total integration of all my life sectors.

Integration - Bringing all parts of my life together, with a central set of values governing thought patterns, attitudes and behaviors, so that the unified whole of my life is greater than the sum of its parts.

2) Integration of Christ throughout my life.

Romans 12:2 Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is.

Pwr Pt: Show slide here that shows God in center and other areas of life revolving around Him.
