

THE PITFALL OF ARROGANT INSINCERITY

Matthew 21:23-32

23 And when he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came up to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" 24 Jesus answered them, "I also will ask you one question, and if you tell me the answer, then I also will tell you by what authority I do these things. 25 The baptism of John, from where did it come? From heaven or from man?" And they discussed it among themselves, saying, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' 26 But if we say, 'From man,' we are afraid of the crowd, for they all hold that John was a prophet." 27 So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I do these things. 28 "What do you think? A man had two sons. And he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' 29 And he answered, 'I will not,' but afterward he changed his mind and went. 30 And he went to the other son and said the same. And he answered, 'I go, sir,' but did not go. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes go into the kingdom of God before you. 32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him. And even when you saw it, you did not afterward change your minds and believe him.

To be humbly sincere requires that we be more concerned about saving grace than saving face.

1. Jesus Easily Detects and Readily Rejects Arrogant Insincerity

Matt 23:27; Ps. 15; Ps. 18:25-27; Ps. 51:15-17; Isa. 1:10-20; Matt. 6:1-18; John 14:8-11

What heart issues are likely present when questioning Jesus' authority in your life?

Why does God not immediately answer our questions or solve our problems when we ask Him to?

Do you speak as frankly to God as you do to yourself or others? How might pride or insincerity play a role in your answer?

2. Jesus Skillfully Exposes Arrogant Insincerity

Matt 28:32; 1 Tim. 3:3-7; James 4:1-10; 1 Sam. 2:9; Ps. 147:6; Lk 18:9-14; Rom. 12:9; 1 Pt. 1:22

Why do you think we more readily understand earthly illustrations than spiritual truth?

Why might it be shocking to "religious" people about who is entering the kingdom of God? What does that reveal about their understanding of themselves and the gospel?

How aware are you of God's patience towards you concerning repentance of sin?

Church Announcements

- Sunday School Adults and Kids 9:45am.
Adults will be studying in Ezra and Nehemiah
- Home Bible Fellowships:
Wednesday night: 7pm The Hacker's home.
Thursday night: 7pm The Ham's home. (and on Zoom)
- August 8: 6pm. Combined Service at HPBC.

Special Request

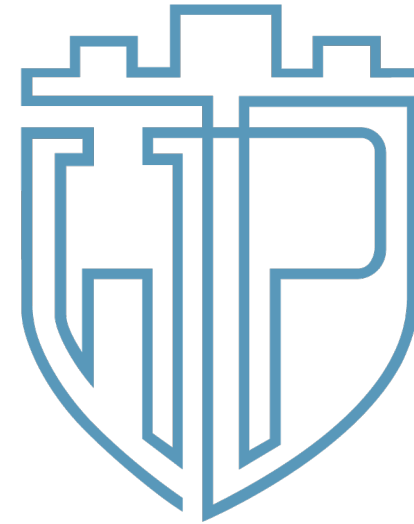
- Pray for our relocation strategy.
- Pray for our elders and deacons.
- Pray for Chasity's ongoing kidney treatment.

Giving Information

Traditional Giving: A box is located at the rear of the auditorium.

Online Giving: Visit www.HPBaptist.org/give and click the "Give" button to setup an account on Planning Center.

Text Giving: Text your gift amount to 84321 and follow the prompts.



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