



## WHAT IS THE HYPOCRISY?

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**Slide 2** - *You are a hypocrite!*

- *Have you ever heard that expression?*

*Usually whoever says that is very angry. But, what is **Slide 3** hypocrisy? **Slide 4** A mistake,*

***Slide 5** a lie, **Slide 6** a deception?*

- *Do you **Slide 7** think it is serious to be a hypocrite? **Slide 8** Yes? **Slide 9** No?*

*Today we are going to see how Jesus reacted to hypocritical people.*

*Françoise will tell us this story that you can read again **Slide 10** in chapter 13 of the book of Luke. Are you ready? Let's go!*

## **Slide 11** JESUS IS NOT DECEIVED?

**Slide 12** For Jews people, Saturday **Slide 13** is the Sabbath; do you know what that means? They just must not work, **Slide 14** it's a day off; they gather **Slide 15** at the synagogue to listen to the Word of God and to pray.

**Slide 16** So that Saturday, Jesus was in **Slide 17** the synagogue and he was the one who was reading. Everybody was listening carefully. **Slide 18** They liked listening to him because He would explain well the texts from the Old Testament, the Psalms, the book of Moses; **Slide 19** He would speak about the love of God, about his holiness and his patience.

**Slide 20** The head of the synagogue was there with religious men, scribes, priests. They were listening as well in order to keep an eye **Slide 21** on everything he was saying; they wished He was wrong because they were jealous of his success among the crowd.

**Slide 22** There was also a little lady. She loved God and believed in Him. **Slide 23** She was so bent over; she couldn't straighten up at all. She has been suffering with the spine!

**Slide 24** Can you imagine! **Slide 25** 18 years, how long it is! Children were often making fun of her; sometimes she was pushed around. **Slide 26** Inside the synagogue, no one would pay attention to her and she did not make any sound so that no one notice her; but she listened very carefully

**Slide 27** Suddenly Jesus stopped speaking because he saw her:

**Slide 28** - Woman, come here, and be healed from your infirmity

**Slide 29** He laid his hands on her, and she immediately stood up straight. **Slide 30** She shouted:

**Slide 31** - Glory be to God! Glory be to God! I'm healed! Look, I can lift my head, I can look at you, see your face, **Slide 32** look like I stand straight, I am no longer in pain! Glory be to God!

People were amazed by the power and the love of God **Slide 33** and rejoiced with her.

Were they all rejoicing? **Slide 34** No not all! **Slide 35** Some men grind their teeth, they were very angry, **Slide 36** not happy with the fact Jesus has just healed this woman. Do you know why? They didn't want to recognize the person who had just did this healing as the Son of God. They wanted **Slide 37** to throw him out of the synagogue but they were afraid of how **Slide 38** the crowd would react. So, they have shown their anger in another way.

**Slide 39** The head of the synagogue stood up:

**Slide 40** - There are 6 working days, then come and be healed **Slide 41** during those days and not the day of **Slide 42** the Sabbath!

**Slide 43** - Hypocrite, said Jesus, tell me, on the Sabbath day, what do you do when your ox or your donkey is thirsty? **Slide 44** You untie it, you bring it to the watering hole and you make it drink. **Slide 45** You do not hesitate to do this because **Slide 46** the animal is yours and it is **Slide 47** your best interest for him to be in good health; and yet, it's just an animal! And **Slide 48** this woman who is a true believer, a woman of faith, who has been sick for 18 years, just because it was the day of the Sabbath, I was not allowed to heal her? So you would have prefer leaving her in her condition? **Slide 49** You hypocrite!

**Slide 50** The head of the synagogue, and those who agreed with him, turned red with shame but the people rejoiced and praised God for his power and for his compassion towards those who suffer.

**Slide 51** - Glory be to God! Glory be to God! They said while returning home, we have seen glorious things!

**Slide 52 1, 2 3, 4 AND YOU AND ME!**

**Slide 53** By healing this woman on the Sabbath day, do you think that Jesus disobeyed the commandments of God? **Slide 54** Of course not!

**Slide 55** He knew the lives and thoughts of those wicked and hypocritical men who used to teach the people their own laws but would not put those into practice. They did not care about other people's problems and had no compassion for the sick, for the unfortunate.

**Slide 56** They said they served God but did not obey him. They were secretly doing what they forbade others to do. They were fake **Slide 57** person. Have you ever seen masked people? Well, they were like if they were hiding **Slide 58** behind a mask, but Jesus unveiled their duplicity, their hypocrisy.

**Slide 59** We can pretend ... but actually it is all fake.

I really encourage you to **Slide 60** always be true, true to yourself and true to the others.

**Slide 61 4, 3, 2, 1 AND WE PARENTS!**

*Many parents are busy with all kinds of things and hobbies. Therefore, they no longer see what is going on around them.*

*The heart becomes less sensitive, even insensitive, to the misery around and to the others' needs.*

**Slide 62** *While keeping the appearance and the language of faith, they no longer live according to the principles of the bible.*

*The bible is to be lived within **Slide 63** the family first, and with the children watching.*

*When our life matches with our words, they understand what we say is **Slide 64** the truth.*

*This story reminds us of the importance of checking our hearts before God so that we won't deceive oneself, as well as our children and the others. So as not to deceive ourselves, our children and others.*

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