

SERMON NOTES FOR SUNDAY – NOVEMBER 1, 2009
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TITLE: “Victory Over Phoniness”

TEXT: Isaiah 1:10-15
Matthew 23:1-3

INTRODUCTION: “Do not do according to their works; for they say, and do not do.”

Revised Standard Version: “So practice and observe whatever they tell you, but not what they do; for they preach, but do not practice.”

I Timothy 4:1-2 – “God’s Spirit specifically tells us that in later days there will be men who abandon the true faith and allow themselves to be spiritually seduced by teachings of demons, teachings given by men who are lying hypocrites, whose consciences are as dead as seared flesh” (Phillips).

One of the signs of the end time PHONINESS!

I: THREE CHARACTERISTICS OF PHONINESS

1. Deception – trying to persuade others that he is something he is not!
2. Manipulator - tries to control and exploit others.
3. A loner – never really shares what is going on inside.

II: THREE STEPS TO HANDLE PHONINESS

1. Look at your relationship with God ... be completely honest (Psalm 51). God looks on the heart.
2. Look at your honesty with yourself ... I Corinthians 11:28 and 2 Corinthians 13:5
3. Look at your honesty with others

George Sweazy’s statistics:

- Of every 100 members, 5 cannot be found
- 20 never pray
- 25 never read the Bible
- 30 never attend church
- 40 never give to any cause
- 50 never go to Sunday School
- 60 never go to church at night
- 75 never do any church work
- 90 do not have family worship
- 95 never win another soul to Christ

CONCLUSION: God will not put up with PHONINESS ... “I will hide my eyes from you” and “I will not hear.”