



“The Motive Mask”

The Mask Series

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*“If we do not pursue the mission for which God made us, we will find a substitute. We cannot live in the absence of purpose.”—John Ortberg, *Overcoming Your Shadow Mission**

God’s Big Idea: There is no reason to HIDE when you have nothing to LOSE.

1) Am I OVERESTIMATING MYSELF?

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it? **Jeremiah 17:9**

All a person’s ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighed by the Lord. **Proverbs 16:2**

So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. For in my inner being I delight in God’s law; but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Romans 7:21-25

2) Am I CHASING LIKES?

The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart. **1 Samuel 16:7**

Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside are full of greed and self-indulgence. Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean. **Matthew 23:25-26**

3) Am I HOLDING BACK?

Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. **Matthew 5:16**

“Genuine brokenness pleases God more than pretend spirituality.”—John Ortberg

Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me and lead me in the way everlasting. **Psalms 139:23-34**