# DEAL-BREAKER DOUBTS

*Christians living in hypocrisy*

*"I'm not good enough" – need time to 'get better' before coming to church*

*Falling back into sin*
    *– hard to overcome addiction*
    *– sin (old life) vs. new life.*

*Can you call yourself a Christian if you don't go to church?*

*If the core of your beliefs centre around a belief in Christ, but some areas of life are a struggle – are you still a Christian?*

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*Describe Hypocrisy*

*Choose Your Face*

*Defining Hypocrisy:*

Not every Christian is a hypocrite, but every Christian has sinned.

The unspoken assumption is that a Christian is one who claims he does not sin. In reality just the opposite is the case. For a Christian to be a Christian, he must first be a sinner. Being a sinner is a prerequisite for being a church member...

…The Christian church is one of the few organizations in the world that requires a public acknowledgement of sin as a condition for membership. In one sense the church has fewer hypocrites than any institution because by definition the church is a haven for sinners.

R.C. Sproul

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Hypocrisy is <u>not</u> the same thing as a blind spot in your character.

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...make it your ambition to lead a quiet life: You should mind your own business and work with your hands, just as we told you, *so that your daily life may win the respect of outsiders* and so that you will not be dependent on anybody.

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12

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The **more** social clout you can get from church,
the **greater** risk of hypocrisy.

Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.
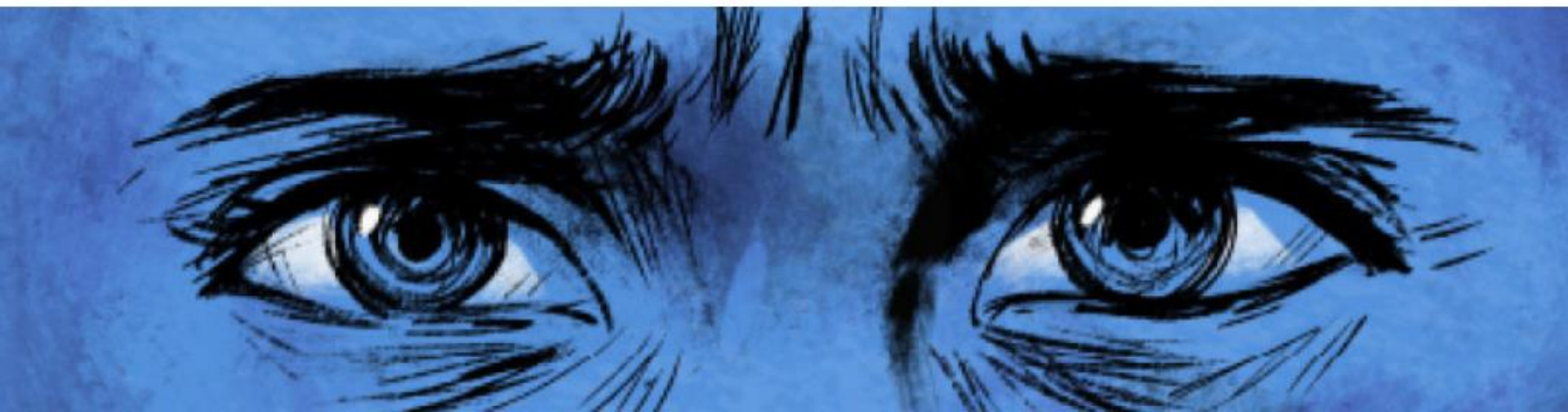
James 3:1

He must not be a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil. He must also have a good reputation with outsiders, so that he will not fall into disgrace and into the devil's trap.

1 Timothy 3:6-7

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