

Galatians 2:14

But when I saw that they were not straightforward about the truth of the gospel, I said to Peter before them all, "If you, being a Jew, live in the manner of Gentiles and not as the Jews, why do you compel Gentiles to live as Jews?"

What if you conducted yourself in the world the same way you do when you're at church?
Or, you could even switch it to think, what if you conducted yourself at church, the same way you do when you are in the world?

Think about it, during the week, when you are not in church or hanging out with your Christian friends, are you any different than when you are in church or with your Christian friends?
Are the things that you talk about or even how you talk, different then when you are in church?
Do you dress differently, maybe letting everything hang out or exposed?
What do you read or what videos do you pull up on your cell phone?

Once again, what if you did those same things while you were at church, but not only you, what if everyone in the church was the same way you are outside of the church, what would the church look like?

The other scenario is when you are in church, are you just loving on the Lord, loving on people in the church, praying with them, helping them out, regardless of their color or social status or what they have or don't have? Are you nonjudgmental of others in the church, not gossiping in the church about others? So if you and everyone else in church acted that way in the world, how would it impact the world?

In the days of Jesus, actors were called hypocrites, because that is what a hypocrite is, an actor, pretending to be someone, or something, that they're not. So, if the way you are in the church is not the same way you are outside of the church, you are a hypocrite (an actor).

The question is, are you a hypocrite in the church, or in the world? Which one is the real you?
Or better yet, are you the same in the church as you are when you are in the world?

† **Matthew 7:20** *Therefore by their fruits you will know them.*

† **Psalm 26:4 (NLT2)** *I do not spend time with liars or go along with hypocrites.*

† **Matthew 24:48-51 (MSG)** *But if that person only looks out for himself, and the minute the Master is away does what he pleases— abusing the help and throwing drunken parties for his friends— the Master is going to show up when he least expects it and make hash of him. He'll end up in the dump with the hypocrites, out in the cold shivering, teeth chattering.*