

# Removing the Mask

- ❖ What is a mask?
- ❖ Why wear one?
- ❖ Who can I trust?
- ❖ How can I change?
- ❖ Where can I help?



# What?

- ❖ A false appearance used to disguise or conceal
- ❖ Portraying yourself in a way different from reality
- ❖ Hiding something from others through deception

# What?



People wear masks of...

- ❖ Happiness
- ❖ Faithfulness
- ❖ Contentment
- ❖ Loyalty
- ❖ Peace

# Why?

- ❖ Fear of others' reaction if they knew the truth
- ❖ Some hiding hurt, others shame, others malice
- ❖ Afraid of looking bad or losing something

# Why?

- ❖ One ashamed of sin  
Job 31:33-34
- ❖ One who hates  
Proverbs 26:24-26
- ❖ One who deceives  
2 Cor 11:13-15

# Who?

❖ Trust God that honesty is always the best policy

Deut 31:6 (Heb 13:5)

❖ Trust brethren to understand and help

Col 3:12-13

# Who?

- ❖ If brethren fail, fall back on trust in God  
**2 Tim 4:16-18**

# How?

- ❖ **Avoid hypocrisy**  
**Matt 6, 23; Mark 7:6**
- ❖ **Be transformed**  
**Romans 12:1-2**
- ❖ **Don't be a hero**  
**Galatians 6:2**



# How?

❖ Confess to others

James 5:16

❖ Trust in power of gospel

Romans 1:15-17

❖ Prepare yourself

2 Tim 2:15

# Where?

- ❖ Be there
- ❖ Be understanding
- ❖ Be tolerant
- ❖ Be forgiving
- ❖ Be encouraging
- ❖ Be patient

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- ❖ Tired of hiding?
- ❖ Ready to trust  
in God?
- ❖ We're ready  
to help!

