

**BATS 22:  
The HAM's, The HATS and  
The BATS of Approbation,  
HATS #'s 6-9:**

**Insolence,  
Irresponsibility,  
Hypocrisy  
and Self-Pity**

# *Selfism*

Human Attainment Motivators  
HAM's



**Approbation!**

Insolence

Irresponsibility

Hypocrisy

Self-Pity

# Approbation HAT 5: Insolence

- Insolent - adjective
- showing a rude and arrogant lack of respect :  
she hated the insolent tone of his voice.
- haughtiness; an impudent, cocky boldness with a total, disregard for others; an overbearing, contemptuous, domineering attitude.

# Approbation HAT 5: Insolence

- Insolence is a major manifestation of arrogance. What does God do with those who are arrogant?
- James 4:6 - . . . . *God makes war against the arrogant but gives grace to the humble.*
- James 4:10 - Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up.

# Approbation HAT 5: Insolence

- Haughty eyes go with an insolent attitude and are on the list of seven things that God hates in Prov. 6:17.
- Other verses that deal with insolence:
- Prov. 15:25 - *The LORD will destroy the house of the proud. . . Better to be lowly in spirit and among the oppressed than to share plunder with the proud.*

# Approbation HAT 5: Insolence

- *Prov. 16:18-19* - *Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall. Better to be lowly in spirit and among the oppressed than to share plunder with the proud.*

# Approbation HAT 5:

## Insolence

- *Prov. 21:24 - The proud and arrogant man, ‘ mocker’ is his name; he behaves with overweening pride.*
- *Isa. 13:11 - I will punish the world for its evil, the wicked for their sins. I will put an end to the arrogance of the haughty and will humble the pride of the ruthless.*
- *Prov. 29:23 - A man's pride shall bring him low: but honor shall uphold the humble in spirit.*

# Approbation HAT 5:

## Insolence

- None of us are immune from getting mad at God at times, but a continual attitude of insolence demonstrates that a believer is in the latter stages of reversionism and no longer has respect for authority of any kind, including God's.
- The good news is that a believer can acknowledge his arrogance to God the Father at any point and get back on track.
- Some believers refuse to humble themselves, never Rebound, and are eventually removed from this life by the justice of God.



# Approbation HAT 5:

## Insolence

- The importance of humility:
- 1 Pet. 5:5-7 - *Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, 'God makes war against the proud but gives grace to the humble.' Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may promote you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety (burdens) on Him because he cares for you.*

# Approbation HAT 5:

## Insolence

- The importance of humility:
- Prov. 15:33 - *The fear of the LORD teaches a man wisdom, and humility comes before honor.*
- Prov. 18:12 - *Before his downfall a man's heart is proud, but humility comes before honor.*
- Col. 2:18-19a - *Do not let anyone who delights in false humility and the worship of angels disqualify you for the prize. Such a person goes into great detail about what he has seen, and his unspiritual mind puffs him up with idle notions.*

# Approbation HAT 5:

## Insolence

- God is the ultimate authority. All other legitimate authority is delegated by Him.
- Rom 13:1-2 - *Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.*

# Approbation HAT 6:

## Irresponsibility

- irresponsible adjective
- (of a person, attitude, or action) not showing a proper sense of responsibility : [with infinitive ] it would have been irresponsible just to drive on.
- capable of being trusted : a responsible adult.
- morally accountable for one's behavior : the progressive emergence of the child as a responsible being.
- **NOT RESPONSIBLE: NOT BEING ANSWERABLE TO HIGHER AUTHORITY, UNRELIABLE, UNTRUSTWORTHY.**

# Approbation HAT 6: Irresponsibility

- Profile of an irresponsible person:
- They do not respect authority.
- They are arrogant and self-centered.
- They are thoughtless and unconcerned about the welfare of others.
- They are immature in their soul.
- They don't care if others are inconvenienced or suffer because of their actions.
- They are hedonistic in the sense that their pleasure and comfort comes first.

# Approbation HAT: Hypocrisy

- hypocrisy |hi ' pākrisē| |hə , pakrəsi| |hɪ , pɒkrɪsi|
- noun ( pl. -sies)
- the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's own behavior does not conform; pretense.
- FROM THE GREEK WORD HUPOKRISIS (ΥΠΟΚΡΙΣΙΣ) WHICH MEANS TO ANSWER, AS IN ACTING, REPEATING A LINE; THE ACT OF PLAYING A PART ON STAGE; TO PRETEND TO BE WHAT ONE IS NOT.

# Approbation HAT: Hypocrisy

- “Hypocrite” comes from the Greek word HUPOKRITES (υποκριτης) which is a stage actor; one who pretends to have virtues or qualities that he does not possess.

# Approbation HAT: Hypocrisy

- Integrity is a good antonym:
- Integrity is the conformity of mental attitudes and actions to the professed beliefs.



# Approbation HAT: Hypocrisy

- It was a custom for Greek and Roman actors to speak in large masks with mechanical devices for augmenting the force of the voice.
- Hence the word became used metaphorically of "a dissembler or a hypocrite."
- It is found only in the Synoptics (Matthew, Mark & Luke), and is always used by the Lord, fifteen times in Matthew, and elsewhere.
- (Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words).

# Approbation HAT: Hypocrisy

- Our Lord made a connection between judging others and being a hypocrite in Matt. 7:1-5.
- Other people's sins are none of our business.
- It is not our job to judge them or to evaluate them.
- When we do, we become hypocrites, acting like we have no sins of our own.

# Approbation HAT: Hypocrisy

- He exposed the hypocrisy of the religious leaders in the synagogue in Luke 13:10-17.
- He exposed the hypocrisy of the Pharisees and scribes in Mark 7:11, Matt. 15:1-11 and Matt.23.

# Approbation HAT: Hypocrisy

- In Mark 7, a “Corban” was something dedicated or given to the Temple Priests as a gift and then used to get out of paying taxes or having to take care of their aging parents (I Tm.5:8).

# Approbation HAT: Hypocrisy

- Matt. 15 reveals how the Pharisees exploited this and made it tradition.
- Verse 8 quotes Isaiah, “with their lips they honor me, but their minds are far from me.”
- This describes all who “worship in vain.”

# Approbation HAT: Hypocrisy

- Their teachings are but rules taught by men.
- Scribes and Pharisees were the Religious Hypocrites of that day, deceiving those who will go to hell for believing their Religious Hypocrisies.
- It is not what goes into but out of one's mouth that defiles and corrupts the Soul - hypocrisy.

# Approbation HAT: Hypocrisy

- Matt. 23 could be called “THE HYPOCRISY CHAPTER” of the Bible.
- The Scribes and Pharisees had turned the Law into such bondage out of arrogant, approbation lust.
- Everything they did was to gain public attention and notice.

# Approbation HAT: Hypocrisy

- They accused Jesus and the disciples of breaking the Law when in reality, they nullified the Law because of their self-righteous, legalistic, anti-grace, anti-God tradition.



# Approbation HAT: Hypocrisy

- Jesus issued seven “WOES” to them for exalting themselves and deceiving the God-conscious with their big act.
- They went to great lengths to get converts and talk them into taking on the yoke of bondage, making them twice the sons of hell that they were themselves.

# Approbation HAT: Hypocrisy

- They judged people to the smallest measure without mercy or grace, dunning them for money.
- Jesus Christ calls them “fools” and “blind guides” for emphasizing money over the Temple and the true, unique issue of Judaism - Himself !

# Approbation HAT: Hypocrisy

- *Matt 6:1-2 - “Be careful not to do your ‘acts of righteousness’ before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.*

# Approbation HAT: Hypocrisy

- *So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.”*

# Approbation HAT: Hypocrisy

- *Matt 6:5 “And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray, standing in the synagogues and on the street corners, to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.*

# Approbation HAT: Hypocrisy

- The Hypocrite's characteristics:
- Superior morals
- Superior vocabulary - "Hallelujah," "Praise the Lord," "God willing"
- Unparalleled do-gooding
- Careful never to swear, curse, use a four letter word or an expletive
- Strictly adhere to taboos

# Approbation HAT: Hypocrisy

- Often politically active and depend on the government to solve problems
- Wear the latest fashions, buy popular music and movies and highly influenced by the mainstream media
- Experts in judging, gossiping, maligning, and bullying
- They are the 'Lukewarm' believers

# Approbation HAT: Hypocrisy

- *James 3:17 - But the wisdom that comes from above (B.D.) is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and without hypocrisy.*



# Approbation HAT: Hypocrisy

- The believer who is thinking divine viewpoint and applying Bible doctrine is using the wisdom that comes from above.
- His attitude is one of “live and let live,” or “minding one’s own business.”

# Approbation HAT: Hypocrisy

- Hypocrites try to put on a front in order to impress people and then judge those who do not fit their arbitrary standards of what a person should be.
- Hypocrisy is typically a projection of our Approbation/Self Concept self-condemnation patterns.

# Approbation HAT: Hypocrisy

- Positive believers recognize that all of us are prone to allow our HAM's to rule us and that our job is to stay filled with the Holy Spirit so that we can love others.
- Mature believers do not judge!
- The Lord will judge as to how successful we are at not judging others.

# Approbation HAT 7: SELF-PITY

- self-pity | , ' sɛlf , pɪdi |
- noun
- excessive, self-absorbed unhappiness over one's own troubles.
- **SELF-INDULGENT, LINGERING ON OUR OWN SORROWS OR MISFORTUNES; FEELING SORRY FOR SELF.**

# Approbation HAT 7: SELF-PITY

- Solicitation of pity from others is a way of getting attention.
- We play the victim and depend on the sympathy of others for encouragement in place of the promises of God.

# Approbation HAT 7: SELF-PITY

- Self-pity motivates us to complain, whine, and to give up under pressure.
- Persistence is essential if we are to overcome the world, and that is something that is sorely lacking in us when we feel sorry for ourselves.
- Often self-pity leads to pouting and sulking.

# Approbation HAT 7: SELF-PITY

- We are not happy when we are in this mode until everyone else is as unhappy as we are, and then we still aren't happy.
- The unspoken Motto:
- “We're not happy unless you're not happy!”

# Approbation HAT 7: SELF-PITY

- Self-pity is totally human viewpoint, and it ignores :
- James 1:2 - *Consider it all joy (a great honor), my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds.*
- It promotes further HAT's, up to and including murder (The Way of Cain)



# Approbation HAT 7: SELF-PITY

- When we use self-pity to handle pressure, we lose our opportunity to demonstrate the veracity of our Lord and His faithfulness to provide for our every need.
- When we choose self-pity, we are the losers.
- We are unable to advance spiritually because growing up always involves passing the tests of pressure, adversity, and suffering.
- Self-pity causes us to fail every time.

# Approbation HAT 7: SELF-PITY

- Parents can help their children from acquiring the bad habit of self-pity by not coddling them any time they solicit pity.
- For instance, when they get a scratch or a scrape, or do not get what they want, they should receive compassion and care, but never pity.

# Approbation HAT 7: SELF-PITY

- Understanding that God allows adversity in the life of every believer and that He uses it for our good and for His glory helps to neutralize the HAT of self-pity.