

TIMOTHY KELLER'S  
*The***REASON***for***GOD**  
BELIEF IN AN AGE OF SKEPTICISM

## 5. INJUSTICE

### *Today's Verses:*

1 Peter 4:8      Romans 5:8      Luke 9:54  
Matthew 5:43-45      Matthew 23:2-3      2 Corinthians 5:21

## PUMPKIN KILLING

October 28th at 1pm  
Orcutt Hill/Newlove Picnic Grounds

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## INTRODUCTION TO CHAPTER 4:

Today in our Reason for God series we are going to cover the objection to Christianity that Christians are hypocritical liars who only care about themselves and that makes Jesus unworthy of following. Most people who take a position against Christianity do so because of some personal interaction that they have had with a Christian (or a church). They perceive Christians as a bunch of hypocrites and the thought is that there are more Christians that are hypocrites than not. We must address the behavior of Christians to the world in which we live because the actions of Christians are many times an issue.

## DISCUSSION

When was the last time you saw hypocrisy?

How did it affect you?

## EXPLANATION – READ MATTHEW 6:1-2, 5-6, 16-17

When was the last time you were a hypocrite?

What did you do/not do?

Did you make it right afterwards or did you leave a negative impression of how a follower of Jesus lives?

## APPLICATION

How do you think an us verses them mentality leads to much injustice?

How is Christianity's ethic of helping others centered in wanting the best for others and not ourselves?

If someone looked at your life, what is the "gospel" you are portraying?

## MISSION

How can we see others in a way that removes the us verses them mentality?

In what ways can we affirm people's qualms with Christ follower's hypocrisy, while also affirming the goodness of Christ Himself?

## HOMEWORK

Read Chapter 4 in the Reason for God.