



<b>DATE</b>	December 9, 2018
<b>SPEAKER</b>	David Smith
<b>TITLE</b>	Spiritual Adultery
<b>SERIES</b>	Hearing and knowing what God says is only half of what it means to follow Him. We then need to apply what we know and act! Let's look at what James, the half brother of Jesus, says about giving Him authority in our lives, so we don't live halfheartedly.

This week, we explore the subject of “spiritual adultery”. Pastor David walks us through scripture that discusses and challenges us to tame our tongues, undo our unfaithfulness, and resolve our indifferences with love.

*“Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.” – James 1:22*

Pastor Smith said that the followers of Jesus should be the most forgiving people on the planet. Is this how the church is currently viewed? Why or why not?

What does it mean to confess with full authenticity and how do we do this?

*James 4:1-12*

Would our being more open/authentic help us or hurt us in helping others (children and adults) to be more faithful in their own relationships?

How do we address relational conflicts? What steps can we take and how do we know when we need to be proactive?

*Matthew 7:13-14*

David describes normal as “broken”. We tend to think of young people trying to fit in but what are some very real struggles you/other adults have with the desire to fit in?

What does it mean to be “Friends with the world” and why is this so bad? How can we be different without being judgmental, self-righteous, or phony?

David described us as some of the most forgiving people. Last night there was a chorus event in Dayton - all gay men. There were Christians picketing and yelling to those attending about going to Hell. After today's sermon, what advice/suggestions would you have for those picketing?

Read and discuss Romans 12:18. Could this have been included in the sermon? Why or why not? What is one thing you will do this week to become more faithful?