

MASQUERADE—2 SELF DECEPTION

- **THOSE WHO DON'T KNOW, DON'T KNOW THEY DON'T KNOW.**

TWO TRUTHS OF THE SELF DECEIVED

- 1) **THE LONGER WE VIEW OURSELVES THROUGH A DISTORTED LENS THE MORE LIKELY WE ARE TO BELIEVE A DISTORTED TRUTH.**

For in his own eyes he flatters himself too much to detect or hate his sin. 3 The words of his mouth are wicked and deceitful; he has ceased to be wise and to do good. Psalm 36:2-3

- 2) **OFTEN THE MORE CONVINCED YOU ARE YOU'RE RIGHT THE MORE LIKELY YOU ARE WRONG.**

Peter replied, "Even if all fall away on account of you, I never will." 34 "I tell you the truth," Jesus answered, "this very night, before the rooster crows, you will disown me three times." 35 But Peter declared, "Even if I have to die with you, I will never disown you..." Matthew 26:33-35

THREE STEPS TO LIVE IN TRUTH

- 1) **PRAY**

Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. 24 See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Psalm 139:23-24

- 2) **LISTEN**

He who listens to a life-giving rebuke will be at home among the wise. 32 He who ignores discipline despises himself, but whoever heeds correction gains understanding. Proverbs 15:31-32

- **What is God or a loved one trying to tell you?**
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- 3) **CHANGE**

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

"Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." John 8:3

TALK IT OVER

- Who are some people you're close to that have problems with self-deception? What responsibility do you feel to help them see the truth?
- Ask those you're talking with to help you see the masks you're unaware of. Pray together first if you know that hearing the truth will be hard for you.
- What steps will you take this week to address the changes you need to make?

Drop the mask this week by talking it over with someone who will help you take your next step out of hiding. Find more at www.lifechurch.tv/talkitover.