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Faker: How To Live For Real When You're Tempted To Fake It

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Synopsis

Have you ever felt like a faker? Facebook, Twitter and Instagram allow us to paint beautiful pictures of our lives. But many of us feel like fakers. If people really knew who we were, what would they think? Would they still care? What would life look like if we stopped pretending? This book not only explores that question, but provides the thrilling answer found in a short story told 2,000 years ago. This richly illustrated book for teens and older brings the power of this exciting story to bear on our modern lives.

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Customer Reviews

What a simple, yet excellent book to read with young people who now face, not only the peer pressure from the kids physically around them, but also the challenges social media present to everyday life. The author uses Luke 18:9-14 as a starting point to discuss what it means to be a faker, i.e., presenting the false "filtered" self to others, by comparing the differences between the Pharisee and the tax collector in the passage. He quotes contemporary artists, movies that young

people are familiar with. I highly recommend this to parents of teens, even younger, youth leaders and anyone who has a desire to teach the next generation how to value authenticity, honesty and to love the truth. And since adults also struggle with being fake, we can learn at least a few pointers from it, too.

This was a good little book. It would be especially helpful for a teenage / young person who is struggling to find their place in life. It could even be used as an evangelistic help. Though the author doesn't mention it directly, I think the principles in the book are a good step in the direction of "living the gospel" in our daily lives. He points out, "If we want to stop being fakers, we need to stop trying to declare ourselves good. We need to put down our masks, and come humbly before God, the King and Judge of the universe." Describing his attempts at faking religion, he says: "Religion, as I've said, is a pretty easy gig. I knew how to work the system. ... I could've gone pro, if that was a thing. Sure, Jesus loved everybody. But he actually liked me! ... Religion, for me, was a springboard to what I really wanted: applause, attractiveness, attention." "Why do we feel pressured to be fakers?" The need to be justified is what makes us fakers in the first place. ... think about it: everything we do is an attempt to be justified. We all want to be declared good, worthy of love, getting it right. Some of us try to justify ourselves by... [sports, academics, work, wealth, attractiveness, religion]. Describing the freedom found when we base our identity in Christ, he says: "When we pray, it's not like we're 'trying out for the team.' Through Jesus, we made the team! We can boldly go to God, without having to put on a show. Because of Jesus, we can be real. Prayer isn't about showing off our story to God. It's about freely soaking in his."

I have grown to love books by the a good Book Company so when I saw this one on sale for Kindle I snapped it up. I was not disappointed. We're all Fakers & we all desperately need what Christ in HIS graciousness offered on the cross.

Very well-written and even being short, it's full of challenges for all of us. Exalting Jesus all the time. It's not only for youngs but for old ones like me, always tempted to wear my masks. Thank you Jesus for save me. Highly recommended.

This book hits every single one of us! I don't think anyone could read this book and not see

themselves in it in some way or another. But the best thing is that while it describes the problem so well, it also reveals the solution which is where the Hope comes in...

Faker answers life's most important questions with great examples and relatable material. Great for small groups and classes. Buy 10 or more to share.

This is a great Gospel-centered book for your middle school students. Not written in technical language but doesn't dumb-down the concepts.

Nick does a great job of pulling back the curtain on our lives and exposing the desire for man's acceptance over God's. We all struggle with faking, but often we don't want to admit this because then others will know the truth. His call for transparency is an encouragement and his writing to young people will keep them engaged.

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