

"Secret Motives"

Matthew 6: 5 - 6

June 29, 2011

The Lord Jesus Himself Has Told Us That True Righteousness Is Not A Ritual But A Nature, (Chpt. 3 - 12);
"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:20)

Section 2: A Nature Of True Righteousness Is Promoted By Formative Discipline, (Chpt. 5 - 7)

2. We must be taught the secretive nature of righteousness' motives, (vs. 6: 1 - 34)

B. Righteousness does not parade itself around when it prays, (vs. 5 - 15)

i. Our prayer is not for the hearing of men but for the hearing of the Father, (vs. 5 - 6)

- Pray, (vs. 5a); *"And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. "He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. "And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him and saying, 'Give me justice against my adversary.' "For a while he refused, but afterward he said to himself, 'Though I neither fear God nor respect man, "yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.' " "And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge says. "And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night?"(Luke 18:1-7 ESV)*

- Pray without show, (vs. 5b); *"The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: 'God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. "(Luke 18:11 ESV)*

- Pray not for reward, (vs. 5c); *"He said also to the man who had invited him, "When you give a dinner or a banquet, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, lest they also invite you in return and you be repaid. " "But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, " "and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just." "(Luke 14:12-14 ESV)*

- Pray seeking God, (vs. 6a); *"Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. " "Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. " "And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. " "Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. "(James 5:13-16 ESV)*

- Pray expecting God to answer, (vs. 6b); *"And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. " "And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of him. "(1 John 5:14-15 ESV)*

ii. Our prayer is not filled with emptiness but intercession, (vs. 7 - 15)

C. Righteousness does not parade itself around when it fasts, (vs. 16 - 18)

D. Righteousness does not parade itself around in its treasure, (vs. 19 - 24)

E. Righteousness does not parade itself around in its sufficiency, (vs. 25 - 34)

“To Be Or Not” Series Outline

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