

“Secret Motives”

Matthew 6: 19 - 24

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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)

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

A. Righteousness moves us to value the eternal not the temporal, (vs. 19 - 21); *“Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, 2) GO, 3) SELL what you POSSESS and 4) GIVE to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, 5) FOLLOW me.” (Matthew 19:21 ESV)*

B. Righteousness moves us to consider things from a godly perspective, (vs. 22 - 23); *They know not, nor do they discern, for he has shut their eyes, so that they cannot see, and their hearts, so that they cannot understand. “No one considers, nor is there knowledge or discernment to say, “Half of it I burned in the fire; I also baked bread on its coals; I roasted meat and have eaten. And shall I make the rest of it an abomination? Shall I fall down before a block of wood?” “He feeds on ashes; a deluded heart has led him astray, and he cannot deliver himself or say, “Is there not a lie in my right hand?” (Isaiah 44:18-20 ESV)*

C. Righteousness moves us to treasure God not things, (vs. 24); *“But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.” “For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs. (1 Timothy 6:9-10 ESV)*

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. “For all that is in the world – the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride in possessions – is not from the Father but is from the world.” (1 John 2:15-16 ESV)

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

“To Be Or Not” Series Outline

Matthew 3 - 12

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