

"Secret Motives"

Matthew 6: 7 - 15

July 6, 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)*

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

• *Pray intentionally, (vs. 7 - 8)*

a) *Intentionally for God's glory, (vs. 9); "O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. "O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name." (Daniel 9:18-19 ESV)*

b) *Intentionally for God's divine will, (vs. 10); "And going a little farther he fell on his face and prayed, saying, "My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as you will." (Matthew 26:39 ESV)*

c) *Intentionally for God's stewardship, (vs. 11); "but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, "(1 Peter 3:15 ESV)*

d) *Intentionally for God's forgiveness, (vs. 12); "In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, "(Ephesians 1:7 ESV)*

e) *Intentionally for God's preservation, (vs. 13); "and he said to them, "Why are you sleeping? Rise and pray that you may not enter into temptation." (Luke 22:46 ESV)*

• *Pray devotedly, (vs. 14 - 15); "Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. "'And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' "'And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. "'So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart." (Matthew 18:32-35 ESV)*

- 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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