

“Secret Motives”

Matthew 6: 25 - 34

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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)

3. We must be taught what genuine righteousness looks like, (vs. 7: 1 - 29)

A. Genuine righteousness submits to God’s standard of judgment, (vs. 1 - 6)

i. God’s standard is not to abandon discernment but put away condemnation, (vs. 1); *“It is the Lord who judges me. “Therefore do not pronounce judgment before the time, before the Lord comes, who will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Then each one will receive his commendation from God.”(1 Corinthians 4:4b-5 ESV)*

ii. God’s standard is universal toward all people, (vs. 2); *“Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. “We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. “Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? “Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God’s kindness is meant to lead you to repentance?”(Romans 2:1-4 ESV)*

iii. God’s standard requires the believer to clean his own house first, (vs. 3 - 5); *“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows’ houses and for a pretense you make long prayers; therefore you will receive the greater condemnation.” (Matthew 23: 14 ~added~ ESV)*

iv. God’s standards are applicable to but not always received by everyone, (vs. 6); *“Whoever corrects a scoffer gets himself abuse, and he who reproves a wicked man incurs injury. “Do not reprove a scoffer, or he will hate you; reprove a wise man, and he will love you.”(Proverbs 9:7-8 ESV)*

- B. Genuine righteousness trusts in God's promise of provision, (vs. 7 - 11)
- C. Genuine righteousness travels through the narrow way of God's instruction, (vs. 12 - 14)
- D. Genuine righteousness produces the good fruit of God's glory, (vs. 13 - 20)
- E. Genuine righteousness obeys the will of God, (vs. 14 - 23)
- F. Genuine righteousness invests in the value of God's kingdom, (vs. 24 - 27)
- G. Genuine righteousness acknowledges Christ as Lord, (vs. 28 - 29)

"To Be Or Not" Series Outline

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