

"Secret Motives"

Matthew 7: 7 - 11

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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)

C. Genuine righteousness travels through the narrow way of God's instruction, (vs. 12 - 14)

- 1) Righteousness is not philosophical, it is very practical, (vs. 12); *"For it is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified."*(Romans 2:13 ESV)

- 2) As a believer I MUST enter the narrow way, (vs. 13a); *"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him,"*(Colossians 2:6 ESV)

- 3) There are many who have not found the path to life, (vs. 13b - 14); *"There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death. "Even in laughter the heart may ache, and the end of joy may be grief."*(Proverbs 14:12-13 ESV)

- 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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