

**"Secret Motives"**

**Matthew 7: 15 - 20**

**September 21, 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)

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

D. Genuine righteousness produces the good fruit of God's glory, (vs. 15 - 20)

- We must recognize that who one is will be demonstrated in their "fruit," (15 - 16); *"For false christs and false prophets will arise and perform great signs and wonders, so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect."(Matthew 24:24 ESV)*

- We must recognize that "bad" fruit is simply unacceptable, (vs. 17 - 20); *"For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, disguising themselves as apostles of Christ. "And no wonder, for even Satan disguises himself as an angel of light. "So it is no surprise if his servants, also, disguise themselves as servants of righteousness. Their end will correspond to their deeds."(2 Corinthians 11:13-15 ESV)*

- E. Genuine righteousness obeys the will of God, (vs. 21 - 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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- Section 1: A Nature Of True Righteousness Has Been Displayed, (Chpt. 3 - 4)
- Section 2: A Nature Of True Righteousness Is Promoted By Formative Discipline, (Chpt. 5 - 7)
- Section 3: A Nature Of True Righteousness Must Be Applied, (Chpt. 8 - 9)
- Section 4: A Nature Of True Righteousness Is Divinely Expected, (Chpt. 10 - 12)