

**"Secret Motives"**

**Matthew 7: 7 - 11**

**September 7, 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)

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

**B. Genuine righteousness trusts in God's promise of provision, (vs. 7 - 11)**

- God charges the believer to be diligent in seeking provision, (vs. 7 - 8); *"Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; "let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon." (Isaiah 55:6-7 ESV)*

- God promises to give to those who diligently ask, (vs. 9 - 11); *"Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love." (Micah 7:18 ESV)*

- 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**

#### **Matthew 3 - 12**

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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)