

"Secret Motives"

Matthew 6: 1 - 4

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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)

2. We must be taught the secretive nature of righteousness' motives, (vs. 6: 1 - 34)

- A. Righteousness does not parade itself around when it gives, (vs. 1 - 4); *"And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. "If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him." (1 John 2:28-29 ESV)*
- i. Righteousness is not for show, it is the expression of a holy motivation, (vs. 1); *"In the meantime, when so many thousands of the people had gathered together that they were trampling one another, he began to say to his disciples first, "Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. "Nothing is covered up that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. "Therefore whatever you have said in the dark shall be heard in the light, and what you have whispered in private rooms shall be proclaimed on the housetops." (Luke 12:1-3 ESV)*
- Righteousness motivates to care for the needy not care for the applause, (vs. 2); *"What you are going to do, do quickly." "Now no one at the table knew why he said this to him. "Some thought that, because Judas had the moneybag, Jesus was telling him, "Buy what we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. " (John 13:27-29 ESV)*
 - Righteousness motivates to keep its actions unknown, (vs. 3); *"So his brothers said to him, "Leave here and go to Judea, that your disciples also may see the works you are doing. "For no one works in secret if he seeks to be known openly. If you do these things, show yourself to the world." "For not even his brothers believed in him. "Jesus said to them, "My time has not yet come, but your time is always here. "The world cannot hate you, but it hates me because I testify about it that its works are evil. " (John 7:3-7 ESV)*
 - Righteousness motivates to please God, not men, (vs. 4); *"O LORD, you have searched me and known me! "You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. "You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways." (Psalm 139:1-3 ESV)*

- B. Righteousness does not parade itself around when it prays, (vs. 5 - 15)
- 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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