

“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)

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

v. Righteousness does not parade itself around in its own sufficiency, (vs. 25 - 34)

A. True righteousness is not apprehensive about what life brings, (vs. 25 - 27)

- Worry about disposable things is foolish, (vs. 25); *“And she had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to his teaching. “But Martha was distracted with much serving. And she went up to him and said, “Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Tell her then to help me.” “But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are anxious and troubled about many things, “but one thing is necessary. Mary has chosen the good portion, which will not be taken away from her.” (Luke 10:39-42 ESV)*

- God's created order does not worry about the temporal, (vs. 26); *“Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. “But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. “Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows. “So everyone who acknowledges me before men, I also will acknowledge before my Father who is in heaven, “but whoever denies me before men, I also will deny before my Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 10:29-33 ESV)*

- Our life is not within our control, (vs. 27); *“And when they bring you to trial and deliver you over, do not be anxious beforehand what you are to say, but say whatever is given you in that hour, for it is not you who speak, but the Holy Spirit. (Mark 13:11 ESV)*

- B. True righteousness is not apprehensive about material necessities, (vs. 28 - 30)
- C. True righteousness sets the believer clearly apart from the world, (vs. 31 - 34)

“To Be Or Not” Series Outline

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- 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)