

Kingdom Religion: Who Are You Trying to Impress?

Matthew 6:1-18

- I. A Disciple's Characteristics: 8 Blessings (5:1-12)
 - II. A Disciple's Influence: 2 Metaphors (5:13-16)
 - III. A Disciple's Righteousness: Six Contrasting Illustrations (5:17-48)
 - IV. A Disciple's Piety: Three Religious Practices (6:1-18)
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I. Context: A Continued Call to be "Different" (5:20)

II. Content: Unpacking the message

A. General Principle: Guard against practicing good deeds to receive _____, _____, for such motivation _____ the approval of God.

1. Three relational spheres

- a. Alms: _____
- b. Prayer: _____
- c. Fasting: _____

2. Pattern: Contrast Prohibited Hypocritical Practices with Commanded Genuine Deeds.

- a. Routine: _____ they did it.
- b. Reason: _____ they did it.
- c. Reward: _____ they got from it.

B. The Three Practices: Summary

	"THEY"	"YOU"
CHARACTER:	Hypocritical	Genuine
PRACTICE:	Ostentatious	Private
MOTIVE:	Vanity	Love/Gratitude
GOAL:	Man's Approval	Purpose of the Activity
PLACE OF SELF:	Self-focused	Self-forgetful
REWARD:	Human admiration	Approval of God

III. Kingdom Principles

A. In each example, Jesus is not criticizing . . .

- 1. . . . the _____ himself; he _____ that his disciples will give, pray, and fast.
- 2. . . . the _____ exercise of the activity (see Mat 5:16). A. B. Bruce: "_____ when tempted to _____ and _____ when tempted to _____."

B. The point at issue is the individual's _____. Hypocrisy is doing the _____ things for the _____ reasons.

C. The sin being exposed is "_____." It is rooted in the false belief that one's _____ is derived from the _____ of other people. The flaw in this system is that it _____ accomplish what is desired.

D. Solution: Shift in one's perspective and behavior from the kingdom of _____ to the Kingdom of God.

- 1. Replace the _____ with the truth.
- 2. _____ godly motives.
- 3. Practice _____ that give expression to and reinforce godly motives.

E. P.S. We can strengthen the right motives of fellow disciples by surprising them with _____. When we do that, we give _____ to God's _____.