

## “Excessive Righteousness”

Matthew 5: 21 - 26

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### Section 2: A Nature Of True Righteousness Is Promoted By Formative Discipline, (Chpt. 5 - 7)

6. We must be taught the genuine realization of righteousness, (vs. 17 - 7: 28)

c. Genuine Righteousness Realizes The Reality Of Lust, (vs. 27 - 30)

- Genuine righteousness ACCEPTS the standard set forth by God, (vs. 27); *“He who commits **ADULTERY** lacks sense; he who does it **DESTROYS** himself. He will **GET** wounds and dishonor, and his disgrace will not be **WIPED** away. For jealousy makes a man furious, and he will not **SPARE** when he takes revenge. **HE WILL ACCEPT** no compensation; **HE WILL REFUSE** though you **MULTIPLY** gifts.” (Proverbs 6:32-35, ESV)*

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- Genuine righteousness UNDERSTANDS that intent is the real issue, (vs. 28); *“My son, **KEEP** your father’s commandment, and forsake not your mother’s teaching. **BIND** them on your heart always; **TIE** them around your neck. When you walk, they will **LEAD** you; when you lie down, they will **WATCH** over you; and when you **AWAKE**, they will **TALK** with you. For the commandment is a lamp and the teaching a light, and the reproofs of discipline are the way of life, to preserve you from the evil woman, from the smooth tongue of the adulteress. Do not desire her beauty in your heart, and do not let her capture you with her eyelashes; for the **PRICE OF A PROSTITUTE** is only a loaf of bread, but a married woman **HUNTS** down a precious life.” (Proverbs 6:20-26, ESV)*

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- Genuine righteousness MOVES to deal with the problem materially, (vs. 29 - 30); *“Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he **HAS** stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who **LOVE** him. Let no one **SAY** when he is **TEMPTED**, “I am being **tempted** by God,” for God cannot be **tempted** with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is **LURED** and **ENTICED** by his own desire. Then desire when it has **CONCEIVED** gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully **GROWN** brings forth death. **DO NOT BE DECEIVED**, my beloved brothers. Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, **COMING** down from the Father of lights with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. Of his own **WILL** he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should **be** a kind of firstfruits of his creatures.” (James 1:12-18, ESV)*

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### **“To Be Or Not” Series Outline**

#### **Matthew 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)*

#### **The Lord Jesus Himself Has Told Us That True Righteousness Is Not A Ritual But A Nature, (Chpt. 3 - 12)**

- 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)