

"Secret Motives"

Matthew 6: 16 - 18

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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)
 - ii. Righteousness does not parade itself around when it fasts, (vs. 16 - 18)
 - A. Fast! (vs. 16a); *"Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my young women will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish."* (Esther 4:16)

 - B. Don't be ugly about fasting, (vs. 16b); *"saying to the priests of the house of the LORD of hosts and the prophets, "Should I weep and abstain in the fifth month, as I have done for so many years?" "Then the word of the LORD of hosts came to me: ""Say to all the people of the land and the priests, When you fasted and mourned in the fifth month and in the seventh, for these seventy years, was it for me that you fasted?" (Zechariah 7:3-5 ESV)*

 - C. Fast to draw near to God, (vs. 17 - 18); *"But a Jew is one inwardly, and circumcision is a matter of the heart, by the Spirit, not by the letter. His praise is not from man but from God. "(Romans 2:29 ESV)*

- iii. Righteousness does not parade itself around in its treasure, (vs. 19 - 24)
- iv. Righteousness does not parade itself around in its sufficiency, (vs. 25 - 34)

“To Be Or Not” Series Outline

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