

Devotion or Promotion?

Actual Jesus (Gospel of Matthew) – Part 62

Matthew 6:16-18

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¹ “Now, take heed as to your righteousness, **not** to be doing **before men so as to be noticed by them**; otherwise you **do not have reward with your Father** who is in the heavens.

² “**Therefore**, whenever you do an act of mercy, **do not** sound a trumpet before you, even as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the lanes, **so that they may be glorified by men**. Amen, I say to you: they **fully have their reward**.

...⁵ “**And** whenever you pray, you are **not** to be as the hypocrites; because they are fond, in the synagogues and in the corners of the broad streets, of standing to pray, **so that they** (Matthew 6:1-2, 5, 16-18

may make an appearance to¹ men. Amen, I say to you: they **fully have their reward**.

¹⁶ “Now, whenever you fast, do **not** become — as the hypocrites — sullen. For they make their faces unrecognizable so that they might be recognized by² men *as* fasting. Amen, I say to you, **they fully have their reward**.¹⁷ But you, when fasting—you put oil on your head, and your face, wash;¹⁸ so that you might not be recognized by men *as* fasting, but *instead* by³ your Father who is in the hidden *place*; and your Father, who sees in the hidden⁴ *place*, will repay you.”

Pastor Phillips’ ad hoc translation)

Introduction:

I. _____ing

A. The Background

1. _____ation:

Leviticus ____:29

Psalm ____:13

2. _____ation: with...

a. Mourning bitterly:

i. S_____: as when Saul and sons died in battle (1 Sam. ____:13)

ii. S_____: removing idols and turning to Yahweh (1 Samuel ____:6)

b. Praying earnestly: as David, for his child (2 Samuel ____:16)

c. _____ing hypocritically: (Isaiah ____:1–5)

B. The Foreground

1. Jesus

2. Apostles and NT prophets

Colossians ____:18–23

1 Timothy ____:3

¹ Or *be recognized* (as praying) *by*. Same verb as vv. 16, 18 below.

² Or *they disappear their faces...appear to*.

³ Or *appear to...to*, as in v. 16.

⁴ Both times a rarer and related synonym to word translated *hidden* in vv. 4, 6.

C. The Words Themselves

1. _____tion (v. 16)
 - a. What fasting is, at best

 - b. What they made fasting

2. _____tion (vv. 17-18a)

3. _____tion (v. 18b)

II. _____ing

A. Pr_____

1. Fasting *is not* —

2. Fasting *is* —

B. Pr_____

1. M_____

2. M_____
 - a. Nehemiah ____

 - b. Isaiah __:6-10

3. M_____
 - a. Basically:

 - b. Specifics:

4. M_____
 - a. From doing this wrongly

 - b. From _____ing this

 - c. From _____ this