S E R M O N N O T E S APRIL 15, 2007

Show Stopping Christians

Matthew 6:1-18

1. Show stopping Christians <u>do good things</u> (not if you give but when) [vs. 1-4]

Ephesians 2:10 For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

Matthew 5:16 Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

Titus 3:14 And let our *people* also learn to maintain good works, to *meet* urgent needs, that they may not be unfruitful.

- What we do is important.
- Why we do what we do is more important.
- Who we do what we do for is most important.

2. Show stopping Christians <u>pray humble prayers</u> (not if you pray but when) [vs. 5-15]

Luke 18:1 Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to pray and not lose heart...

1 Thessalonians 5:17 "pray without ceasing..."

1 Timothy 2:8 I desire therefore that the men pray everywhere, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting...

- They pray in <u>secret</u>
- They pray in <u>sincerity</u>
- They pray in <u>supplication</u>
- They pray in <u>submission</u>

3. Show stopping Christians are <u>sincerely interdependent</u>. (not if you fast but when)

1 Pet. 4:8 Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

John 13:35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

- They are <u>involved</u> with their family in Christ.
- They are <u>informed</u> about their family in Christ.
- They are inconvenienced for their family in Christ.

Galatians 6:2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.