

“Secret Motives”

Matthew 6: 25 - 34

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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)

v. Righteousness does not parade itself around in its own sufficiency, (vs. 25 - 34)

B. True righteousness is not apprehensive about material necessities, (vs. 28 - 30)

1. Genuine righteousness does not place its trust in material things, (vs. 28); *“And he said to them, “When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?” They said, “Nothing.” (Luke 22:35 ESV)*

2. Genuine righteousness is “clothed” as God wills, (vs. 29 - 30a); *“when they see your respectful and pure conduct. “Do not let your adorning be external – the braiding of hair and the putting on of gold jewelry, or the clothing you wear – “but let your adorning be the hidden person of the heart with the imperishable beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which in God’s sight is very precious. “For this is how the holy women who hoped in God used to adorn themselves, by submitting to their own husbands, “(1 Peter 3:2-5 ESV)*

3. Genuine righteousness requires “material” faith, (vs. 30b); *“And they began discussing it among themselves, saying, “We brought no bread.” “But Jesus, aware of this, said, “O you of little faith, why are you discussing among yourselves the fact that you have no bread? “Do you not yet perceive? Do you not remember the five loaves for the five thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? “Or the seven loaves for the four thousand, and how many baskets you gathered? “How is it that you fail to understand that I did not speak about bread? Beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.” “Then they understood that he did not tell them to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.”(Matthew 16:7-12 ESV)*

C. True righteousness sets the believer clearly apart from the world, (vs. 31 - 34)

“To Be Or Not” Series Outline

Matthew 3 - 12

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- Section 4: A Nature Of True Righteousness Is Divinely Expected, (Chpt. 10 - 12)