

**“Secret Motives”**

**Matthew 6: 25 - 34**

**August 17, 2011**

**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)

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

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

- a) Genuine righteousness is simple - either you trust God, or you don’t, (vs. 31 - 32); *“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ” “casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. ” “Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. ” “Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. ” “And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. ” “To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.” (1 Peter 5:6-11 ESV)*
  
- b) Genuine righteousness is clear - pursue the things of Christ & trust God for the rest, (vs. 33); *“In that night God appeared to Solomon, and said to him, “Ask what I shall give you.” ” “And Solomon said to God, “You have shown great and steadfast love to David my father, and have made me king in his place. ” “O LORD God, let your word to David my father be now fulfilled, for you have made me king over a people as numerous as the dust of the earth. ” “Give me now wisdom and knowledge to go out and come in before this people, for who can govern this people of yours, which is so great?” ” “God answered Solomon, “Because this was in your heart, and you have not asked possessions, wealth, honor, or the life of those who hate you, and have not even asked long life, but have asked wisdom and knowledge for yourself that you may govern my people over whom I have made you king, ” “wisdom and knowledge are granted to you. I will also give you riches, possessions, and honor, such as none of the kings had who were before you, and none after you shall have the like.”” (2 Chronicles 1:7-12 ESV)*
  
- c) Genuine righteousness is realistic - take each day “One day at a time,” (vs. 34); *“Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ” “Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ” “I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”” (John 16:31-33 ESV)*

## **“To Be Or Not” Series Outline**

### **Matthew 3 - 12**

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- 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)