

Week 17 - Matthew 6:1-8

The high standard of righteousness

- (1) it must be _____ to that of the Pharisees
- (2) Six representative _____: Murder, Adultery, Divorce, Oaths, Retaliation, Love
- (3) Disciples must pursue _____, since God is perfect.

V1 -4 - Beware not to do things so that other people will see them and give you _____.

It is _____.

Reward

V1 If you act to be _____ by other people then you will have no reward from God.

V2 If the praise of other people was your motivation, their _____ is your reward.

V3-4 If your good deed is done in secret then your reward will come from _____.

God is “the Father who sees in secret.”

He sees into the secret _____ of our _____.

What we do does not go _____.

There is _____ in serving the Lord and representing Jesus to others.

Prayer

V5-8

Do not pray to _____ people.

Pray in _____.

Do not pray by _____ like the pagans.

Cp 1 Kings 18

V8 Your Father _____ what you need before you ask him.

So why pray if God knows?

1. We are _____ to.
2. We pray because that is how _____ to God are made known.

Understand finer points of prayer

1. James 1:2 – tells us that we do not receive because we _____.
2. We do not get what we ask for because we pray for _____ reasons.
3. Answer to prayer is in accordance with God’s _____.

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The high standard of righteousness

(4) it must be superior to that of the Pharisees

(5) Six representative areas: Murder, Adultery, Divorce, Oaths, Retaliation, Love

(6) Disciples must pursue perfection, since God is perfect.

V1 -4 - Beware not to do things so that other people will see them and give you praise.

It is hypocrisy.

Reward

V1 If you act to be seen by other people then you will have no reward from God.

V2 If the praise of other people was your motivation, their praise is your reward.

V3-4 If your good deed is done in secret then your reward will come from God.

God is “the Father who sees in secret.”

He sees into the secret parts of our lives

What we do does not go unnoticed.

There is reward in serving the Lord and representing Jesus to others.

Prayer

V5-8

Do not pray to impress people.

Pray in private.

Do not pray by babbling like the pagans.

Cp 1 Kings 18

V8 Your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

So why pray if God knows?

3. We are commanded to. And if God knows... then prayer must be for you and not him.

4. We pray because that is how requests to God are made known.

Understand finer points of prayer

4. James 1:2 – tells us that we do not receive because we have not asked.

5. We do not get what we ask for because we pray for selfish reasons.

6. Answer to prayer is in accordance with God’s will.