

Text: Matthew 6:1-34

Monroe Bible Church

Topics: Deeds, Disciplines, Faith, Righteousness, Worry      October 20, 2019

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## Righteous in Relation to Religious

### I. Spiritual Practices (1-18)

My motivation should always be to honor God, not impress people.

### II. Physical Concerns (19-34)

My hoarding and worry should be replaced by servicing and seeking God.

To be righteous before God is to live with faith in God.

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. Can you think of a spiritual hypocrisy that you saw or did? What resulted?
2. What are the 3 spiritual disciplines Jesus brings up in Matthew 6:2-4, 5-15, and 16-18? Have you made spiritual disciplines part of your lifestyle? Explain.
3. Jesus points out religious hypocrisy in the verses above. What wrong motivation did Jesus also point out? What reward did He say such people have and don't have?  
  
Is it possible to have this wrong motive and not be aware or intentional in it? How might you or another person get caught up in being merely religious?  
  
What's the right way and the right motivation? Should others never see us practice spiritual disciplines? Explain.
4. How can you make the Lord's prayer not merely a religious practice but a useful pattern for prayer? (verses 9-14)
5. Jesus addresses the human heart in verses 19-24. How would you try to help a person whose heart obviously is not in the right place?  
  
What helps you keep your heart in the right place?
6. Jesus addresses worry in verses 25-34. What instruction does Jesus give those who worry about not having enough to meet their needs in the future?
7. Being careful not to fall into religiosity or self-reliance will be helpful in our desire to be righteous before God. What's one positive action you can take to help you be more righteous before God?
8. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?