

THE BEST TEACHING YOU'LL EVER HEAR

"When Jesus concluded his address, the crowd burst into applause. They had never heard teaching like this."

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

A SERMON SERIES

"Be especially careful when you are trying to be good so that you don't make a performance out of it. It might be good theater, but the God who made you won't be applauding.

"When you do something for someone else, don't call attention to yourself. You've seen them in action, I'm sure—'playactors' I call them—treating prayer meeting and street corner alike as a stage, acting compassionate as long as someone is watching, playing to the crowds. They get applause, true, but that's all they get. When you help someone out, don't think about how it looks. Just do it—quietly and unobtrusively. That is the way your God, who conceived you in love, working behind the scenes, helps you out.

Matthew 6:1-4

"How to Be Holy"

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Week 1: The Kingdom of Heaven is available to **everyone**. Mt 5:1-16


Week 2: God's Kingdom enables us to love everyone, even **enemies**.

This week: Jesus teaches us how to _____ and how to _____.

The Respectability Trap: Matthew 6:1


The scribes and Pharisees lived to be _____ by others.

What matters is the intention of our _____ before God.

 *It is not are we seen doing a good deed, but are we doing a good deed in order to be seen. – Dallas Willard.*

What Jesus Says about How to Live:

Three Examples of "Whenever you... Do not..."

1. When you _____ to the poor, don't embarrass or use them. 6:2-4
2. When you _____ don't show off or use a certain formula. 6:5
Be assured God _____ you wherever you are even in a closet. 6:6
 *Prayer does not require a holy place. God can make any place holy.*
3. When you _____, don't look miserable and whine. Rather, shave, shower, and enjoy Spirit power! 6:16-18


What Jesus Says about How to Pray:

Attitude: We pray as an expression of _____ in Jesus who knows our need before we ask. It aligns us with God acknowledging our need.

Jesus gives us three reminders of who _____ is:

1. God is a loving _____ whose name is honored as holy. 6:9
2. God's kingdom is both _____ experience and future reality. 6:10a
3. God is the one who will make the **rebellious** earth right again. 6:10b

Jesus gives us three reminders of who _____ are:

1. We need God to _____ us continually; spiritually and physically. 6:11
2. We need God to _____ a debt we cannot pay. 6:12
 *Prayer for God's forgiveness is unthinkable for one who is intentionally an unforgiving person. – M. Eugene Boring*
3. We need God to _____ us from ourselves and the devil. 6:13

Action Step: Do an act of _____ or kindness for someone **in need**, but this time do it secretly. (A note of encouragement signed "A loving friend." Give cash to someone with a financial need.)