

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

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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
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"Living for an Audience of One"

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We live in a world where people are _____ of kindness, good deeds, sincerity, and authentic Christian living. Still, there are really people out there who do give and pray and fast, just to be _____ by others.

What does a life lived solely for being seen look like?

1) There is a _____ from the heart.

The Kingdom of God is made up of people with love-filled hearts doing love-infused actions. #1Cfridays

For the people Jesus is talking about, it is the love of being seen by people, and not the love of people, driving them to action.

2) There is the _____ of always "being on."

3) There is sense of restlessness and _____ anxiety.

When our lives are a performance, and everyone we encounter is our audience, peace _____.

4) They can get _____ what they seek.

Jesus: "They have received their reward in full."

Jesus has a better way. We can live our lives for an Audience of One. Reflection question: "How different would my life look if I only cared about the opinion of God?"

Giving/Good Deeds (Matthew 6:2-4)

Every time we serve, the _____ of the glory given should be God, not ourselves.

Prayer (Matthew 6:5-8)

Prayer is a real _____ with God that arises from our own hearts.

Prayer is the most beautiful action a person can do. But prayer doesn't have to be pretty. #1Cfridays

Some of the most powerful, and moving prayers, are the ones that are the _____.

Fasting/Spiritual Disciplines (Matthew 6:16-18)

A life lived for God is the happiest and holiest life possible.

Action Steps: 1) Spend time each day with God in _____. 2) Be the _____ person in your prayer life, your personal life, and your private life. 3) Read/Remind yourself of what _____ says about you.