

Introduction:

Summary of Chapter 5 – Righteousness is an inside out transformation that begins with union with Christ

Looking ahead to Chapter 6 & 7 – Practical applications from union with Christ

- Public Religious Life (6:1-18)
- Personal Interior Life (6:19-24)
- Interpersonal Relational Life (7:1-12)

Public Religious Life (Matthew 6:1)

Practicing your righteousness = spiritual disciplines

Key Principal: Practice spiritual disciplines for God's audience; not others

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2. Call to secrecy, but secrecy does not prohibit public action
3. Jesus demands practice, not merely theory
4. Promise of eternal reward for pleasing God rather than men
5. Random examples, so secrecy applies to any spiritual discipline

Giving To The Poor (Matthew 6:2-4)

“When you give to the needy” – An assumed activity

“Sound no trumpet ... as the hypocrites do” – Don't toot your own horn

“...they have received their reward in full” – Man's praise is a finite reward

“... do not let your left know what your right is doing” – Motive matters

“... your Father who sees in secret will reward you” – Justice will be done

The Rewards of Benevolence

- Growth in discipleship and sanctification; becoming like my Father
- Development of gratitude for what God has given me
- Satisfaction that God uses what I have
- Humility that what I have is used to benefit another

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