

Hypocritical Praying

Matthew 6:5-8

(series #33)

Introduction: living life conscious of the presence of God

I. The Key Principle v. 1

- A. "To be seen"
- B. The issue is our motives
- C. It is not wrong for righteousness to be seen
- Acts 4:35
- D. The omniscience and omnipresence of God
 - 1. Psalm 139:7; 23:4
 - 2. Philippians 4:5-6
 - 3. Job 31:4

II. The Illustration of Prayer vv. 5-8

- A. The warning of ostentatiousness v. 5
- B. The exhortation to simplicity v. 6
- C. The danger of being mechanical v. 7
- D. The confidence in our Father's care v. 8

Concluding applications: we are to pray fervently

- Luke 11:5-10; 18:1-8