

8. The entire Christian life involves our relationship to whom?

- a. O _____
- b. G _____
- c. O _____

9. When we give, pray or fast, we do so unto whom?

10. Is Jesus saying that it is wrong if people happen to know about or hear about or see righteous deeds that we do?

11. On the positive side, the omnipresence and omniscience of God ought to be a what?

12. What references talk about God's omnipresence and omniscience being a great comfort to us?

13. On the negative side, the omnipresence and omniscience of God ought to do what?

14. The fact that God sees our ways ought to be a motivating factor for what in our lives?

15. God's omniscience ought to be a deterrent to sin, including the sin of trying to do what?

16. When Jesus used the Greek word, translated, "hypocrites" (in English), he was saying what?

17. To be a hypocrite is to pretend to be what?

18. If you pray for the sake of being seen by others, what do you already have?

19. God rewards righteousness when we live out what?

20. If the motive of our hearts is to give unto Him and pray unto Him and deny ourselves for His sake, our Father will do what?

21. Verse 6 describes our Father as a "...Father who..." does what?

22. Is Jesus prohibiting praying publically or out-loud? How do we know?

24. What is Jesus saying in verse 7?

25. Biblical prayer is what (what are some of the elements, as presented by Pastor Bryan)?

26. To memorize a bunch of words, repeat them over and over again, and to use mindless repetition is the way who prays?

27. What did Jesus call prayers that were repeated with the idea that the person's god would be forced to finally listen and give in to the request?

28. When Jesus says, "...Do not be like them..." He is referring specifically to what?

29. In this part of His sermon, Jesus is **not** forbidding us to pray in what ways?

30. Jesus told the parable of Luke 11 to encourage us to do what?

31. What is the first reason given as to what may cause a person to pray by using vain repetition?

32. A second reason why a person might pray by using vain repetitions is because he/she doesn't really want to do what?

33. When we pray to be seen by others, we forfeit what?

34. Do you do what you do to be noticed by others?

35. Do you try to impress others?

36. Are you consciously aware of living your life unto God the Father?

37. Are you guilty of "play-acting" righteousness?

Remember: Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Philippians 2:12-13; I Timothy 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions:

»»How does God want my beliefs/actions to change?

»»How can I accomplish this change?

»»What is the first step toward bringing about this change?

For Next Time:

1) Read Matthew 1:1-6:10

2) Do you think Jesus gave us the prayer in Matthew 6:9-11 to be repeated and recited down through the centuries? Why or why not?

3) Take some time to meditate on the prayer that Jesus gave in Matthew 6 and think of ways that His prayer example, contrasts with how you normally pray.

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HYPOCRITICAL PRAYING

Matthew 6:5-8

(Series#33)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "Hypocritical Praying" All of the questions are answered as the sermon is presented. We hope that it will be a catalyst to spiritual growth in your life.

1. Peter realized that many of our problems, failures, and shortcomings in the Christian life are the result of what?

2. What is the most important, crucial biblical principle to remember in the Christian life?

3. The best way to live life is with the conscious awareness that we are living life in the what?

4. The over-all theme of Matthew 6:1-18 is in verse 1. What is the key phrase in that verse?

5. The key phrase is addressing our what?

6. Jesus used "charitable deeds of giving," "prayer," and "fasting," because these three activities were considered what?

7. A second reason why Jesus chose these three areas of application is because these three activities involve the 3 important relationships of what?

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