

11. What is somewhat of a foreign subject to many Christians?
12. Fasting was a common practice amongst what people?
13. What is fasting?
14. What were the three kinds of fasting in biblical times?
 - a. There was a _____ fast.
 - b. There was a non-_____ kind of fast.
 - c. There was _____ fasting.
15. Fasting in the Bible is associated with what?
16. In Matthew 9:14-15 we see that fasting is sometimes associated with what?
17. From the example of Jesus, we also learn that fasting is associated with the burden of a what?
18. Does the Bible ever command us to fast?
19. The Jewish people were commanded to fast on what day of the year?
20. If you take pride in your fasting, then you have, in essence, done what?
21. What word describes the actor or actress who wore a mask on stage?
22. If we do what we do to gain the admiration of others, not to please God, then we have what?
23. The clear and obvious implication of our Lord's statements about rewards is that God rewards righteousness when we do what?
24. Jesus is saying, "Don't disfigure your face and put on a sad look so that..." what will happen?
25. What are **not** more spiritual than smiles?
26. In verse 17, what is Jesus saying to do with our sacrifice?
27. In the hyperbole that Jesus used in Matthew 5:29-30, what is the point He is trying to make?
28. What is the natural tendency of our hearts towards?
29. How does verse 18 describe God?
30. There is One to whom nothing is a what?
31. These verses remind us that God is not merely concerned with what we do, but He cares just as much about what?
32. In Matthew 10:42, what do we learn about seemingly insignificant acts?
33. When will our motives be brought out on the table for evaluation?
34. The phrases, "hidden things of darkness" and "the counsels of the hearts" are **not** referring to what?
35. When Paul uses those phrases (in the previous question) he is talking about what things?

36. When it comes to receiving praise, what really matters?

37. What should we want to hear God say when we stand before Him?

38. Do you?

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 1:1-6:24

2) What subject did Jesus talk about in His parables the most?

3) What is an extremely accurate indicator of our spiritual condition?

4) How do you handle your money? What are some ways that you possibly need to change in this area?

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NON-PUBLICIZED SELF-DENIAL

Matthew 6:16-18

(Series#36)

The following are questions designed to facilitate greater learning and deeper understanding of spiritual truths presented in the sermon "**Non-Publicized Self-Denial.**" 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. One of the catchphrases of our day is what?

2. What is the down side to instant gratification?

3. We are trained to indulge ourselves instead of what?

4. Christianity, at its very heart, is what?

5. What do we need to learn to accept?

6. Review: What is the key phrase of the theme verse of Matthew 6:1-18?

7. Throughout this section Jesus is addressing our what?

8. Jesus uses, charitable giving, prayer, and fasting as illustrations because of what two reasons?

9. Everything we do is to be done unto whom?

10. Do you do what you do in the Christian life to be seen by others?

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