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A holy life trains our desires.

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1 John 2:15^{ESV}

Do not love the world or the things in the world.

Our Cultural Context: Global West

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Your setting does not determine truth.

It does shape what you notice, what you emphasize, and what you assume.

The age of Enlightenment shaped shaped
worldview:

What can be measured can be trusted.

And what cannot be measured is
suspect.

The assumption in the majority world is that prayer and fasting are not specialty disciplines; they are normal Christianity.

In our society, pleasure and comfort
is high, and urgency is low.

Hidden communion with
God is not meant to remain
internal.

3 Expressions of Hidden works or Fruit

1. Character
2. Authority
3. Community

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Sowing happens in
secret.

Matthew 6:1-4^{ESV}

Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. ² “Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ³ But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Matthew 6:5-8^{ESV}

“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

⁷ “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. ⁸ Do not be like them, for your Father knows

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The emphasis in the secret place
is not performance, it's
alignment.

what God forms in secret does
not remain hidden forever.

Hidden formation precedes
hidden **visible** authority.

Expectation without formation is misplaced.

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