Not for the Crowd Pt. 6 Matthew 6:22-24

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This is a journey through part of Jesus' sermon on the mount where He presses us to ask the question:

Who are we really living for?

In a world obsessed with applause, and platform... Jesus invites us into something different.

...He calls us away from the spotlight and into the "secret place"...

 ...a place where motives matter more than appearances, and where the Father sees what no one else can.

Matthew 6:22-24 - "The lamp of the body is the eye. If therefore your eye is good, your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great is that darkness! ²⁴ "No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon."

THE BENEFIT OF TRUE LIGHT

Psalm 40:2 (NIV) - "He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand."

Psalm 119:105 - "Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path."

Luke 16:19-31

Mark 8:36 - "For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul?"

THE DECEPTION OF FALSE LIGHT

...satan deceives people into thinking they're following the light... when in reality it's darkness...

THE RESULT OF WHAT YOU CHOOSE TO FOLLOW

Exodus 20:4-5 - "You shall not make for yourself a carved image—any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; ⁵ you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God..."

HOW DO WE APPLY THIS TO MONDAY MORNING?