



Ogden Church Message Guides

Date of Message: February 18, 2024

Series: I Shall Not Want

Text: Matthew 6:1-18

Main Idea: There is only one place we should look for approval.

We can be tempted to look for the approval of others in how we:

- Give
- Pray
- Fast

Questions for Discussion

Literacy Questions

- What is the context for this passage? What has come before, what happens next?
- What is the core issue Jesus exposes in each of these sections? (giving, praying, fasting)
- Discuss the key elements of the Lord's Prayer.
- What insights does this passage give to how we view the concepts of sacrifice and "giving things up" for God?

Application Questions

- In what ways can you tend to seek the approval of others?
- Do you struggle with being showy in how you practice generosity?
- Are there ways you can be manipulative and "image conscious" in terms of worship and spiritual expression?
- Have you ever seen or experienced giving something up coming out of a place of selfish motivation in your life?