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MATTHEW 6:1-18
HEART REFLECTION

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1 CORINTHIANS 9:24–27

Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified.




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Matthew 6:1–18

“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.

“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. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.




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Matthew 6:1–18

“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. 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.

“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. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.



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Matthew 6:1–18

Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

For if you forgive others their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you, but if you do not forgive others their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.



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Matthew 6:1–18

“And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.



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AUTHENTIC COMPASSION vs. 1-4

Transition In The Teaching

- “You have heard it said... but...”
 - Actions seemed justified
 - Heart was corrupt
- The hypocrites
 - Originally used to describe a Greek actor using mask
 - Motives are damaging character



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AUTHENTIC COMPASSION vs. 1-4

Transition In The Teaching

Warning

- Practicing righteousness
- Actions self motivated first
 - Violates “Love God” & “Love Others”
 - Heart desiring recognition by people
- Drawing attention to themselves
- Wrongly drawing to others in need
- Reward is limited to praise of others not blessing from God

1 Corinthians 13:3

If I give away all I have, and if I deliver up my body to be burned, but have not love, I gain nothing.



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AUTHENTIC COMPASSION vs. 1-4

Transition In The Teaching

Warning

Loving God And Loving Others

- Do not draw attention to your efforts
- Secret giving is seen by God and rewarded
- Not drawing attention to the one in need



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AUTHENTIC COMPASSION vs. 1-4

Transition In The Teaching

Warning

Loving God And Loving Others

Salt And Light In Action –

1 John 2:28–29

And now, little children, abide in him, so that when he appears we may have confidence and not shrink from him in shame at his coming. If you know that he is righteous, you may be sure that everyone who practices righteousness has been born of him.



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AUTHENTIC COMMUNICATION vs. 5-14

Jesus Continues With "When"

- Prayer of the hypocrite
 - Seen by others
 - In place of worship and on in public
 - Heart is to be seen as righteous
- Prayers unanswered
- Reward from others not God



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AUTHENTIC COMMUNICATION vs. 5-14

Jesus Continues With "When"

Not Just The Hypocrite... The Gentiles

- Empty phrases
- Repeated words
- Many words



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AUTHENTIC COMMUNICATION vs. 5-14

Jesus Continues With "When"
Not Just The Hypocrite... The Gentiles

Prayer Attitude

- Communication between God and you
- God sees and knows



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AUTHENTIC COMMUNICATION vs. 5-14

Jesus Continues With "When"
Not Just The Hypocrite... The Gentiles

Prayer Attitude

Pray In This Manner



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Matthew 6:9–13

Pray then like this:

“Father”; remember image of God in the Old Testament; relationship

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

Worship of the very name; revered not taken lightly; understanding the power in the name

Desire for God’s perfect kingdom; understanding our temporary stay here

Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

Surrender and desire for God’s will not your own; God has a different vantage point on our life; He sees beginning and end

Dependency and faith in God to provide what need and when we have needs

Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts,
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

God is holy; forgiveness of sin is essential; confession and repentance need from God and from us to others

Don’t even go there with temptation; deliverance – desire to flee from evil

And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

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Forgiving Others Demonstrates God’s
Forgiveness From God

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Luke 18:9–14

He also told this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and treated others with contempt: “Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee, standing by himself, prayed thus: ‘God, I thank you that I am not like other men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I get.’ But the tax collector, standing far off, would not even lift up his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me, a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified, rather than the other. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted.”



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AUTHENTIC CONSECRATION vs. 15-18

Examples Of Old Testament Fast

- Day of Atonement
- Esther
- Nehemiah
- Daniel...



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AUTHENTIC CONSECRATION vs. 15-18

Examples Of Old Testament Fast
Continuing In The New Testament

- Jesus after baptism
- John the Baptist and Pharisees (Mark 2:18-22)
- Church at Antioch



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AUTHENTIC CONSECRATION vs. 15-18

Examples Of Old Testament Fast
Continuing In The New Testament
Expected Not Commanded

- No outline protocol of time
- But, Jesus stated “when”



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AUTHENTIC CONSECRATION vs. 15-18

Examples Of Old Testament Fast

Continuing In The New Testament

Expected Not Commanded

Problems With The Hypocrites

- Drew attention to themselves
- Focus on self-righteous act
- Reward is attention not spiritual



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AUTHENTIC CONSECRATION vs. 15-18

Examples Of Old Testament Fast

Continuing In The New Testament

Expected Not Commanded

Problems With The Hypocrites

When And How

- Not drawing attention to yourself
- Seen by God and rewarded by God



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ARE LIVING FOR GLORIFYING GOD?
OR ARE YOU LIVING FOR
THE PRAISE OF OTHERS?



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