

# August 19, 2018 Private Practice

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Matthew 6:1-18

Our inward righteousness, effected by the Spirit, must be evidenced by an outward expression of righteousness. That expression is for His glory...not ours.

I. Jesus presumes our practice vs. 1

Three spiritual disciplines

1. Giving

2. Praying

3. Fasting

II. Practice in Private vs. 1-4

A. Don't - Give for attention v. 1

Do - Give for intention v. 4

B. Don't - Pray pompously v. 5

Do - Pray piously v. 6

C. Don't - Fast for show v. 16

Do - Fast to grow vs. 17-18

III. Don't Seek the praise of people

A. To be applauded v. 2

B. To be seen v. 5

C. To be obvious v. 16

IV. Jesus Gives the preeminence to prayer

A. Giving directs our focus outward

B. Fasting directs our focus inward

C. Praying directs our focus upward