

The Sermon on the Mount: Week 4 - Matthew 6: 1-18
“Living with Secret Righteousness.”

After telling the Jews that their righteousness must exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees, Jesus then teaches how our acts of righteousness; giving, prayer and fasting need to be done for the Lord and not for men.

1. **Main idea:** Pursuing God for God, not to impress others
2. **Putting on a show,** Matthew 6:1

Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Do Matthew 5:16 and Matthew 6:1 contradict each other?

“Jesus narrows his scope, as he often does, to the orientation of the heart. We live in a world of evaluations, assessments, and measurements but Jesus turns his gaze deeper because he knows that what is measurable can be faked. His focus is that his followers are to focus their deeds on the God who rewards direct engagement”

Scot McKnight

3. **Acts of Righteousness, Giving to the needy:** Matthew 6:2-4

Acts of righteousness	What the Hypocrite Does?	His Reward	What a Righteous Man Does	His Reward
Giving (Matthew 6:2-4)				

Apply: Do you give to the needy?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

4. **Acts of Righteousness, Fasting:** Matthew 6:16-18

Acts of righteousness	What the Hypocrite Does	His Reward	What a Righteous Man Does	His Reward
Fasting (Mathew 6:16-18)				

Joel 2:12 “Even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.”

Mark 2:18-20

Acts 13:3 So after they had fasted and prayed, they placed their hands on them and sent them off.

Apply: Do you fast?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

5. **Acts of Righteousness, Praying:** Matthew 6:5-15

Acts of righteousness	What the Hypocrite Does	His Reward	What a Righteous Man Does	His Reward
Praying (Matthew 6:5-15)				

Apply: Do you pray?

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

The Lord's Prayer

Who:

Petitions

Your Name:

Your Kingdom:

Your Will:

Give us Bread:

Forgive us:

Deliver Us:

Reflects

6. Our Relationship to God

- a. Loving God with our heart, soul and mind
- b. Seeking God's Glory and not man's
- c. Always in Gods Sight
- d. Trusting in His Promises

The Lords Prayer Spoken Word (Megan Marshman) written by Nick Benoit

Our Father Who art in heaven hallowed be thy name

That name, the name we cannot tame and would not aim to try

For your name's above all names relentlessly shows it's fame and effortlessly holds its claim

Your name it is holy

The name is the only name the one that can be known as the I AM and so we stand here in your presence and we pray here in deference (humbly) and we ask may thy kingdom come, thy will be done, it can be done, it will be done the works already begun on earth as it is in heaven

In you and me, friends can you see the we that we would be if he had not set us free

To be the we that he could make us be - our hearts are exchanged our lives have been rearranged

May our passions begin to change because he has besieged (surrounded by armed forces) us, Unleased us, bequeathed us, see the keys to his kingdom the work that must be done here and now we can plant and plow he will show us how

So don't wait, don't hesitate, don't let it percolate or let time confiscate the power that we have in this day and hour

My brothers and sisters we cannot resist this it is our existence to become his assistants to make exchange to enact change and to rearrange all for his name and in this virus epidemic with or without physical academics where fear and panic are systemic may our hope become pandemic too

Now so when we say give us this day our daily bread we might mean instead God would you please give unto us the things that you would have for us so that we all might become victorious in the face of all this unknown help us put and proclaim our trust in you alone so that you may be known and shown and through your glory be known only and especially through this.

Our old normal may be gone, church its time for us to sing a new song as our hearts burn with fire would he turn our desires to you to do that which you would have us do.

But first we must amend we must think and we must do things to attend to the ways that we still pretend to be something other than the life you've uncovered so search our hearts and know us and show us the brokenness in us bring to mind our lapses and forgive us our trespasses let the light of your face erase our disgrace which can replace the trappings of this place by the power of your grace for it is by him that we live and we give and we start to forgive and choose not to pass judgements on those who affront us who trespass against us you see because PERFECTION forgave us.

That mean we can bring forgiveness to others

In your mighty name remove all our stains and proceed us and lead us not into temptation but towards your redemption made possible by his death and resurrection. Father please deliver us from the evil that may hinder us

For we find ourselves connected to the power of the resurrection, the power it has ceased us it has freed us so that we have seen Jesus. My mind can not fathom the wonder that has come that will come for thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory forever and ever and all the church says AMEN