

Radical Simplicity

Less is More

Matt. 6:1-4

I. Be Aware Of Your Motives (Matt. 6:1)

- A. “Be [Careful](#)” – Beware
- B. “[Acts](#) of Righteousness” – ministry - [piety](#) = acts of [reverence](#) to God
 - 1. Piety is not to be [hidden](#)
 - 2. Radical simplicity does not mean [separation](#) from reality! (salt/light Matt. 5:12-16)
- C. “to be [seen](#)”/”to be [honored](#) by men” (doxa = glory)
 - 1. [Why](#) do we give? - Give glory to [God](#) or [receive](#) glory from men
 - 2. The [heart](#) of the matter
- D. [Reward](#) – (apecho = full [receipt](#))
 - 1. You cannot receive a reward from [heaven](#) AND from earth
 - 2. Your [treasure](#) is where your heart is (Matt. 6:19 – 21)
 - 3. [Truly](#) I say unto you – exclamation point!

II. Be Aware of Your Ministry (Matt. 6:2-4)

- A. “So [when](#) you give...” (vs. 2a,3a)
 - 1. Giving is not [optional](#) – it is a [command](#)! (I John 3:17)
 - 2. It is an [outward](#) practice based on an [inward](#) perception (2 Cor. 8)
 - 3. Will we be like the [Dead Sea](#) or the [Sea of Galilee](#)?
- B. Two “[do not](#)s”
 - 1. Make a [scene](#) as the hypocrites do!
 - a. “[seen](#)” = theatomi = theatre = to [watch](#) a show/concentrate on the people
 - b. “[hypocrites](#)” = hupokritase = to put on an [act](#) in front of people
 - 2. Keep [score](#) with others
 - a. “[know](#)” - Right hand [person](#) and left hand person – [power](#) people in your lives
 - b. We love to [brag](#) about what we do and [what](#) we give
- C. Three [things](#) to do
 - 1. Keep it [secret](#)
 - 2. [Refuse](#) human rewards/praise
 - 3. Long for The Father’s [rewards](#)

III. K. I. S. S. (Keep It Simple Saints)

- 1. Buy [things](#) for their [usefulness](#) rather than their [status](#).
- 2. [Reject](#) anything that produces an [addiction](#) in you.
- 3. Develop a [habit](#) of giving things [away](#).
- 4. [Reject](#) everything that [hinders](#) you from “seeking [first](#) the Kingdom of God”