

KINGDOM LIFE Pt.1: LIVING FOR AN AUDIENCE OF ONE

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Mt.6:1-18

MAIN IDEA-Life in the Kingdom of God is about living for an audience of One.

Memory Verse (Mt.6:33)

*To live for an audience of One we must seek and prioritize living for the glory and honor of God rather than pleasing man.

Rom.14:17; Gal.2:20; 1 Cor.10:31

John 3:3

Jn.3:16; Rom.10:9-10, 13

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*God expects us to seek Him & make Him our top priority (**Mt.6:1**). Expectation is communicated by the phrase 'when you...' (**V2,3,4,6,13,16**). Jesus states 3 spiritual exercises that He expects us to practice as a regular way of seeking Him. These disciplines are healthy, holy habits of life in the Kingdom of God.

1st SEEKING GOD'S KINGDOM THROUGH GIVING (V2-3) *When you Give...* What and how we give reveals our hearts before God. Our giving or lack thereof has the potential to bring tremendous blessing or cause great loss through poor stewardship and missed opportunities.

Rom.5:5

*Don't give like hypocrites (**V2**).

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*Give like this: privately/ secretly to be seen by God (**V3**).

Prov.3:9-10; Prov.19:17; Heb. 13:16

*Giving our best (**Mk.12:41-44**).

*God expects us to seek Him through our giving because He wants to bless us (**V4**) and bless others through us (**See 2 Cor.9:6-12**).

Application-Examine your giving. Do you regularly practice secret giving to help the poor, to advance the Kingdom of God through the local church, or to faithful Gospel ministries? Pray about what to give and start giving!

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2nd, SEEKING GOD THROUGH PRAYING (V5-15) *And when you pray...* God expects us to practice praying and to have active prayer lives.

-Don't pray like hypocrites (**V5-6**). Hypocrites love putting on a show to be seen by others.

When you pray...

*Pray in secret (**V6**). **Mk.1:35**

*Pray in this way (**V9-15**)

*Pray prayers of Adoration for God's glory & honor (**V9**)

*Pray for God's Kingdom, will, provision, and deliverance for others & yourself (**V10-11, 13**)

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*Pray & Confess sin (**V12, 14-15**). - Pray with thanksgiving and in Jesus' name (**Col.3:17**).

*Pray in faith & according to God's word (**Mk.11:24; 1 Jn.5:14-15**), -Pray persistently (**Lk.11:9-11**).

*God will reward you (**V6**).

>God is pleased as we seek Him in secret (**Heb.11:6**).

>God draws near to us with divine favor (**Jas. 4:6-8**).

>God promises to answer (**Mt.7:7-8**).

Application questions—Do you have a regular time & place where you seek God in secret prayer? Do you regularly pray in line with the Kingdom values Jesus mentions here? Pray for God's priorities.

3rd SEEKING GOD THROUGH FASTING (V16-18) *When you fast...* Fasting is denying yourself an earthly need

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or comfort (like food, pleasure, or modern distractions) to seek God or His will. It is saying, 'I want to seek you this much God!' When we fast Jesus expects us to do it secretly so that God sees and He will reward us with breakthroughs.

Dan.1:12

*People fast during times of great distress, suffering, uncertainty, spiritual dullness, longing for God, to defeat chronic issues, spiritual warfare, hunger for God, salvation of others, just to be closer to God.

See Is.58:6-11.

-Don't fast like hypocrites (**V16**).

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-When you fast (**V17-18**) Do it in secret. Take care of yourself.

-God will reward you (**V18**)!

*Application: Which practice are you strong in? What practice do you struggle with? Choose 1 and build up to all 3 in your scheduling.