

How to Practice Our Righteousness

Matthew 6:1

How well do we defend the faith in our practice of righteousness? As Christians, we oftentimes experience heavy criticism because our words and deeds are hypocritical. People are not only listening to our every word, but they're also watching our every action. In Matthew 6, Jesus begins to teach us how to live out our righteousness in such a way that pleases our heavenly Father and ensures a reward. What areas of your practice is God leading you to improve?

"Whatever you do, do it from the heart, as something done for the Lord and not for people, knowing that you will receive the reward of an inheritance from the Lord. You serve the Lord Christ." -Colossians 3:23-24

Three areas to monitor our righteousness:

- **Righteousness in Giving (v. 2-4)**

- **Righteousness in Praying (v. 5-8)**

- **Righteousness in Fasting (v. 16-18)**

Application

- ✓ What can you sacrifice in order to practice righteousness in your giving, praying, and fasting?

- ✓ In your secret prayer closet, praise God for who He is, ask Him to cleanse your heart, and show you ways to accomplish His will on earth.

Meditate on the following scriptures: Isaiah 29:13; 58:1-7; Galatians 1:10; Philippians 2:3; James 1:22-25

"Mankind, he has told each of you what is good and what it is the LORD requires of you: to act justly, to love faithfulness, and to walk humbly with your God." -Micah 6:8