

THE WORD FOR LIFE – SERMON NOTES

Public Discipleship (Matt. 6: 1-6; 16-18)
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I must _____ to Jesus Principles of Public Acts of Faith.

“Be careful not to do your ‘acts of righteousness’ before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. Matthew 6:1 (NIV)

- I must carefully _____
- Ask myself this: Who am I doing this for, Jesus or...
- I can’t indulge in private _____ either!

EXAMPLE #1 – GIVING TO THE NEEDY

1) I must not use my charitable giving to _____

“So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. Matthew 6:2 (NIV)

2) I should _____ as much as possible.

But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. Matthew 6:3-4 (NIV)

EXAMPLE #2 – PRAYER:

1) I must avoid trying to _____ when I pray.

“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. Matthew 6:5 (NIV)

2) I need to _____ when I pray.

But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. Matthew 6:6 (NIV)

- Beware of _____

3) I should talk to God like I _____

And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Matthew 6:7-8 (NIV)

EXAMPLE #3 – FASTING

1) Remember that fasting pertains to _____

2) I can’t try & _____ by showing them I’m fasting.

“When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. Matthew 6:16 (NIV)

3) Fast for _____ – or eat a cheeseburger!

But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to men that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. Matthew 6:17-18 (NIV)

TWO REMINDERS”

1) These principles _____ of the disciple.

2) They also ought to be at the _____