



Minutes With Jesus

Straight Talk From The Savior
About The Things That Matter Most

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“Straight Talk About Your Worship”

MATTHEW 6:1-4

Introduction: Jesus never avoided controversy. As we will see in today’s message from the Sermon on the Mount, He was willing to tackle two hot-button issues in the church today: giving and hypocrisy.

I. The Warning Against Hypocrisy (Matthew 6:1)

Matthew 6:1 “Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.”

Matthew 23:13-15, 33 ¹³ “But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you shut off the kingdom of heaven from people; for you do not enter in yourselves, nor do you allow those who are entering to go in. ¹⁴ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you devour widows’ houses, and for a pretense you make long prayers; therefore you will receive greater condemnation. ¹⁵ Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites, because you travel around on sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he becomes one, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves. ³³ You serpents, you brood of vipers, how will you escape the sentence of hell?”

II. The Two Root Causes Of Hypocrisy

A. A Person Is Unsaved (Matthew 13:24-30)

Matthew 13:24-30 ²⁴ “Jesus presented another parable to them saying, ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ But when the wheat sprouted and bore grain, then the tares became evident also. ²⁷ The slaves of the landowner came and said to him, “Sir, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have tares?” ²⁸ And he said to them, “An enemy has done this!” the slaves said to him, “Do you want us, then, to go and gather them up?” ²⁹ But he said, “No; for while you are gathering up the tares, you may uproot the wheat with them. ³⁰ Allow both to grow together until the harvest; and in the time of the harvest I will say to the reapers, ‘First gather up the tares and bind them in bundles to burn them up; but gather the wheat into my barn.’”



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B. **A Person Is Spiritually Immature** (1 Corinthians 3:1-3; Hebrews 5:12-14)

1 Corinthians 3:1-3 ¹ “And I [Paul], brethren, could not speak to you as to spiritual men, but as to men of flesh, as to infants in Christ. ² I gave you milk to drink not solid food; for you were not yet able to receive it. Indeed, even now you are not yet able, ³ for you are still fleshly. For since there is jealousy and strife among you, are you not fleshly, and are you not walking like mere men?”

Hebrews 5:12-14 ¹² “For though by this time you ought to be teachers, you have need again for someone to teach you the elementary principles of the oracles of God, and you have come to need milk and not solid food. ¹³ For everyone who partakes only of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is an infant. ¹⁴ But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil.”

III. **The Example Of Hypocrisy** (Matthew 6:2)

Matthew 6:2 “So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.”

Leviticus 25:35 “Now in case a countryman of yours becomes poor and his means with regard to you falter, then you are to sustain him, like a stranger or a sojourner, that he may live with you.”

Isaiah 58:6-8 ⁶ “Is this not the fast which I choose, to loosen the bonds of wickedness, to undo the bands of the yoke, and to let the oppressed go free and break every yoke? ⁷ Is it not to divide your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into the house; when you see the naked, to cover him; and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? ⁸ Then your light will break out like the dawn, and your recovery will speedily spring forth; and your righteousness will go before you; the glory of the LORD will be your rear guard.”

Proverbs 19:17 “One who is gracious to a poor man lends to the LORD, and He will repay him for his good deed.”

James 2:15-17 ¹⁵ “If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,’ and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that? ¹⁷ Even so faith, if it has no works, is dead, being by itself.”



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IV. **Avoiding Hypocrisy In Giving** (Matthew 6:3-4)

Matthew 6:3-4 ³ “But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴ so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.”

Conclusion