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Viewing the world through rose tinted glasses....



Jesus talked about 3 things that he considered needed to change in the perspective of the religious culture of the day.

Things that had become ritual, religion, legalistic and missed the heart of God yet are essential in our commitment to follow Jesus in obedience.

Matt 6:2 *when* you give...

Matt 6:5 *when* you pray...

Matt 6:16 *when* you fast...



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to follow Jesus in obedience is
GIVING

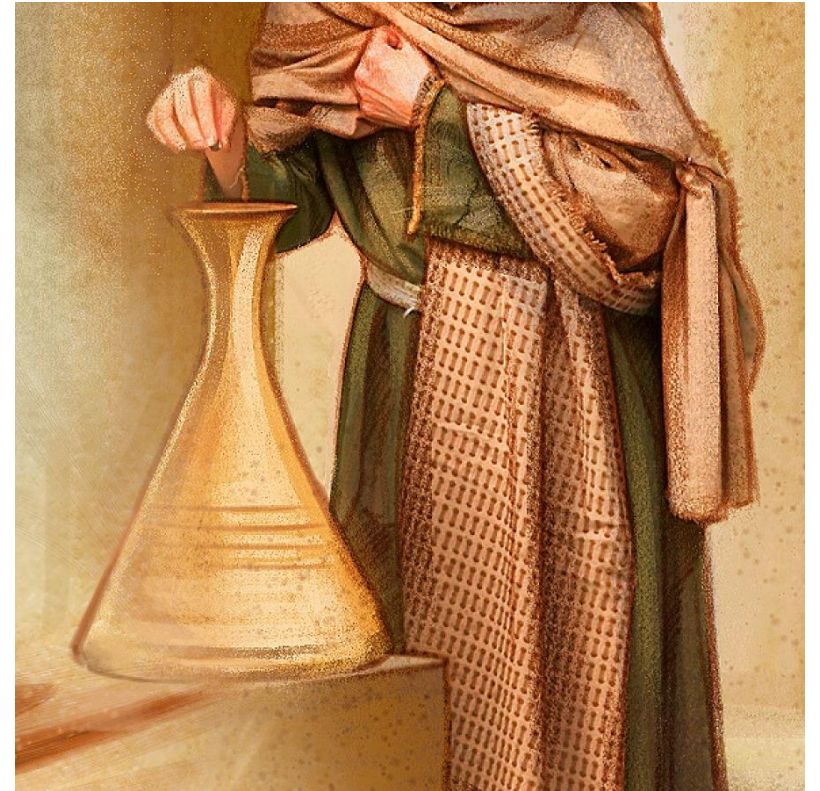
Matt 6:1-4



What is the principle of giving?

Giving that *doesn't* parade our
own self righteousness

Jesus at the temple
Treasury - Mark 12



How does that work for *us*?

1 and 2 Corinthians teaching material

What are the principles in *obedient giving*?



PRINCIPLES FOR GIVING:

1. REGULAR AND SYSTEMATIC

“On the first day of every week.” 1 Cor 16:2

2. INDIVIDUAL

“Each one of you” 1 Cor 16:2

Giving is an individual matter with individual responsibility

3. DELIBERATE

“set aside a sum of money” 1 Cor 16:2

4. PROPORTIONATE

“in keeping with your income” 1 Cor 16:2

2 Cor 8:12

5. PURPOSEFUL

“saving it up” 1 Cor 16:2

6. GENEROUS

2 Cor 9:6

2 Cor 8:9

We begin from the base of the tithe and aim for the goal of His self-sacrifice.

7. CHEERFUL

2 Cor 9:7

Fellowship and giving go together. Same word in the New Testament. The word for “contribution” and the word for “fellowship” is *koinonia*. (2 Cor 8:4 “contributing”, “sharing”)

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PRAYING

Matt 6:5-14



What is the principle of praying?

developing a secret life with God, an audience of one



*Where do we see this **in action?***

- The disciples observed in the life of Jesus a rhythm and pattern of prayer before God

Mark 1:35

- We will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word.

Acts 6:4

- Paul embraced night-and-day prayer in various seasons and called widows to this ministry

1 Thes. 3:10; 1 Tim. 5:5; 2 Tim. 1:3

“Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; prayer *is* the greater work.”

Oswald Chambers



Application - what does this mean for us?

1. PURSUING CHRIST not just to get answers to prayer

Mature view: being with God of getting to know him better
Phil 3:12 “I want to know Christ”

2. HONESTY & HUNGER The Psalms are full of raw honesty where people are pouring their hearts out to God.



Here's a question for you to consider:

How might your prayer life change if you could bring to God what is *actually* in you for prayer and not what you think *should* be in your prayers?

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commitment to follow Jesus
in obedience is **FASTING**

Matt 6:16-18



WHAT IS FASTING?

- Fasting is abstinence from food and/or drink.
- Fasting is an abstinence aimed at seeking the Lord.
- In fasting, we acknowledge that we have a need that is greater than food, a need satisfied only by encountering God. (Matthew 4:4).

*The primary purpose of **FASTING** is to **SEEK GOD**.*



Humbled myself with fasting - Psalm 35:13

Extra material come around by email during the week of prayer:

- Why should I fast?
- What are some fasting errors?
- Youtube Channel for New Life: [shrtm.nu/sYI5](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCshrtmnu/sYI5)

The question is

WHAT

do we do next?



WHAT do we do next?

1 John 2:6

“whoever claims to live in him must walk (or live) as Jesus did.”

If we claim to be followers of Jesus then we have a responsibility in these areas.

**HOW MANY OF US HAVE A HEART OF
OBEDIENCE FOR THESE AREAS?**

