

Religion for Show

Lesson# 7
Matthew 6:1-4

In Matthew chapter 5, Jesus is teaching that real righteousness begins in the heart, which was in contrast to following law, as the Scribes and Pharisees were teaching. As we begin chapter 6, His focus shifts to what they were practicing.

1. In this passage, what aspect of the behaviors being discussed is Jesus really challenging?
2. He compares their behavior to whom? What does He mean by “sounding a trumpet?”
3. Back to verse 2, what “reward” were they seeking?
4. How are we supposed to behave?
5. We just studied Matt 5:16 about "letting our light shine". Is Matthew 6:1 a contradiction to Matthew 5:16? Please explain.
6. Describe other situations where we have to be careful not to “place ourselves on a pedestal?”
7. What is the real problem with this sort of behavior?