

Sermon Outline by Ron Mangin 3-17-19
"Kingdom Life: Living Without Pride"
Matthew 6:1-18

I. Introduction

- A. The proper length of time for a sermon.
- B. In Matthew 6, Jesus is applying his Kingdom ethic to aspects of our daily lives.
- C. The overall theme - living our lives for an audience of One.

II. Three areas of Jewish religious life and their temptation to pride.

- A. The giving of an offering (alms).
- B. Praying in public.
- C. Fasting so others notice.
- D. Misplaced motives: Seeking the approval and affirmation of others.

III. Jesus' corrective

- A. Giving in secret - the left hand doesn't know what the right hand is doing.
- B. Pray in your closet.
- C. Fasting with oil on your face.
- D. Doing everything with pure motives - seeking God's approval.

IV. Checking our motives.

- 1. Why am I doing this?
- 2. Am I aware of who is watching me? If I were would do this anyway?
- 3. What is it about this good deed that brings me pleasure?
- 4. Do I grumble and complain when my actions are not noticed or recognized by others?
- 5. Am I jealous when someone else gets credit or recognition?
- 6. Do I have any emotion around an issue when I don't get my way?
- 7. Do I hide my failings and mistakes from others while trumpeting my success?