

No Religious Hypocrisy

Matthew 6:1-8, 16-18

The Gospel of
Matthew

Jesus The Messiah King

Hypocrite, Actor, Play Acting!



*“A person who practises deceipts.
A sham, fake, counterfeit.”*



**Authentic Kingdom Life of
Holiness, Fruitfulness, and Power.**

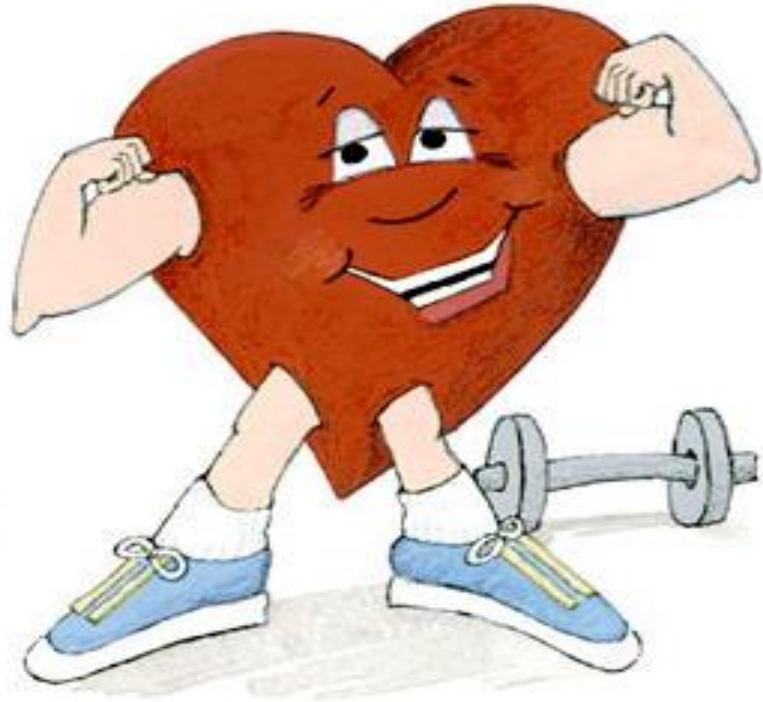
Be the Good News

Be the Salt and Light



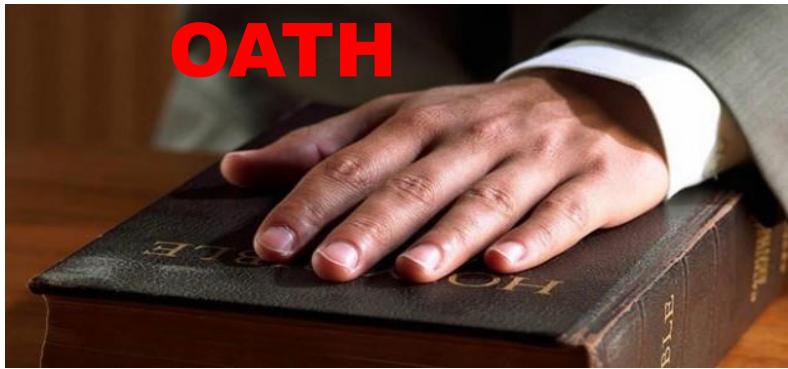
AUTHENTICITY

**The
Truth
About
Yourt
Heart**



**True Righteousness
of the Heart**

Relationships with Others



Anger



DIVORCE

Retaliation



LUST



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Relationships with God

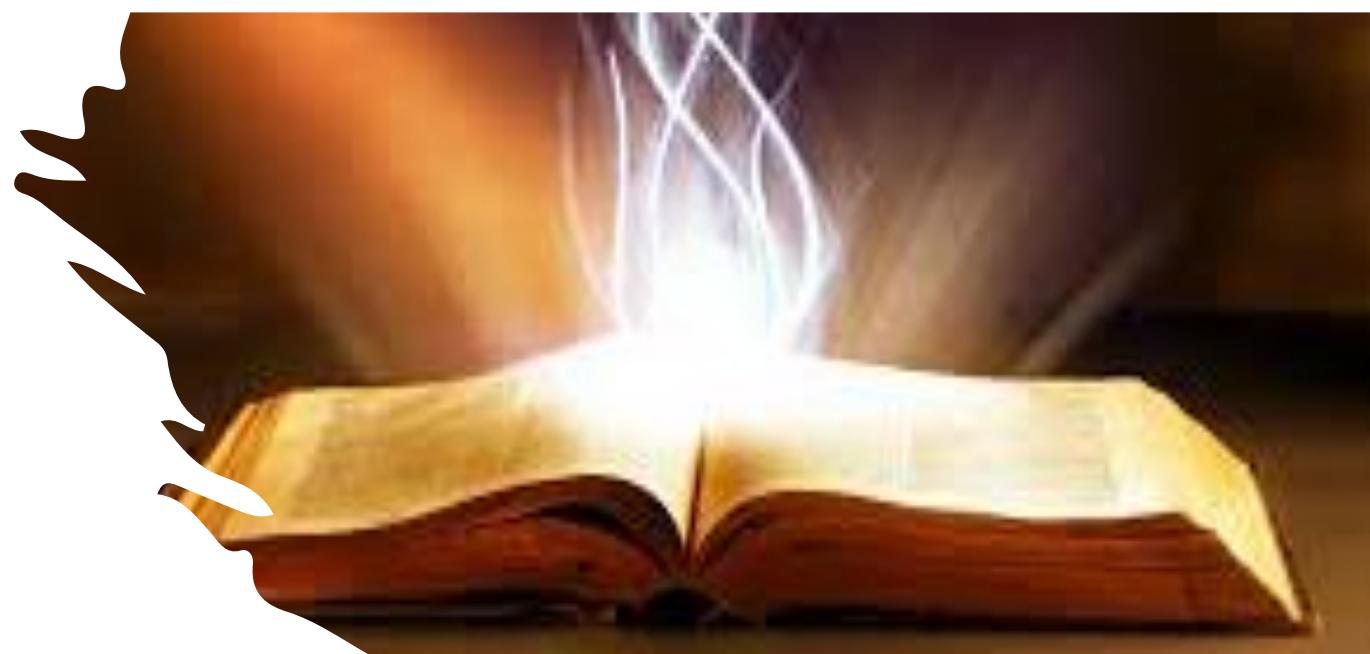
Giving, Prayer, and Fasting.



No Pseudo-piety!

Three illustrations

- No Play-acting Giving
V2-4
- No Play-acting Prayer
V5-8
- No Play-acting Fasting
V16-18



A Warning! Be Perfect but...

Be careful not to practise your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

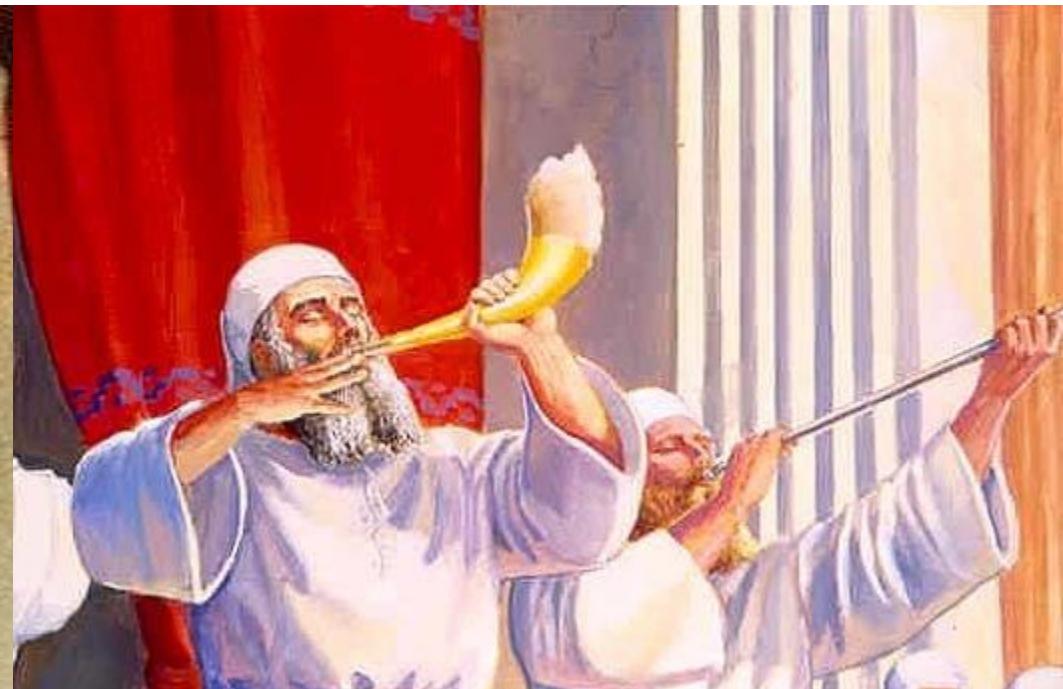
The Respectability Reputation Trap

*Not about hiding
righteous act but
its intent and purpose*



No Play-acting Giving V2-4

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 honoured by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.



Give Naturally and Cheerfully

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

**Give without
self-conscious!
Stewardship**

From the Heart



God's Rewards beyond measure!

Luke 6:38

*Give, and it will be given to you.
A good measure, pressed down,
shaken together and running over,
will be poured into your lap.
For with the measure you use,
it will be measured to you.'*

God is Rich and Generous



No Play-acting Prayer V5-8

5 ‘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 others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.

Prayer not Performance



Pray privately

⁶ 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.

In the Shadow of the Almighty



Pray simply without idle repetition

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

Intelligible Prayer

***The Lord's Prayer for
kingdom disciples***



Baal prophets



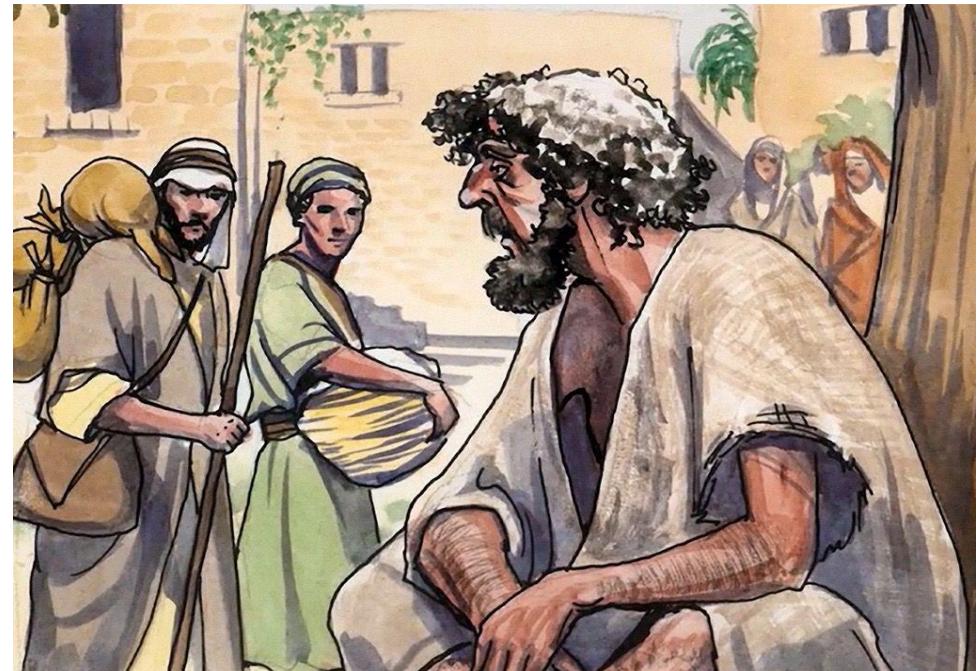
Elijah

No Play-acting Fast

16 ‘When you fast, do not look sombre as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting.

Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.

Fasting not Fussing
**Exercise of exhibitionist
for respectability**



True Fast

¹⁷ But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ so that it will not be obvious to others 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.

**His abundant strength
and joy will come to
us in secret**



Discipline of Secrecy

His Majesty's Secret Service

Live for the Audience of One

Born Free and Break Free from others!

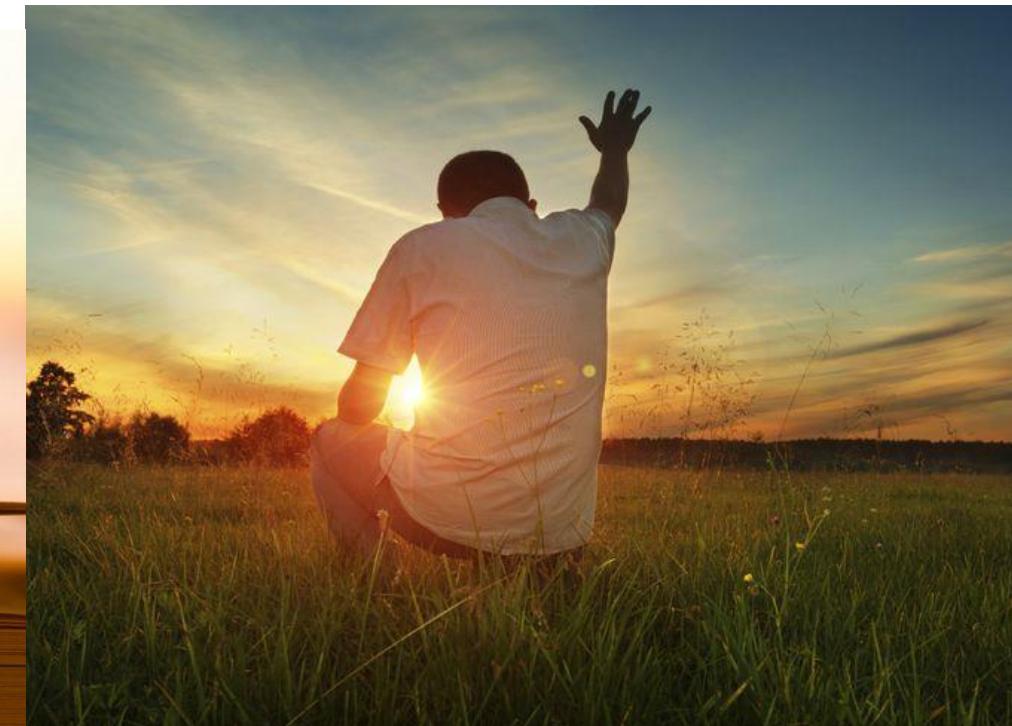


Prayer Meeting

Secret Service of the Heart

To please God only

To honour God only



Holy Lighters

Be Authentic

Let His Light shines



All Glory to God