

SERMON NOTE: Becoming A Contagious Church - No Religious Hypocrisy

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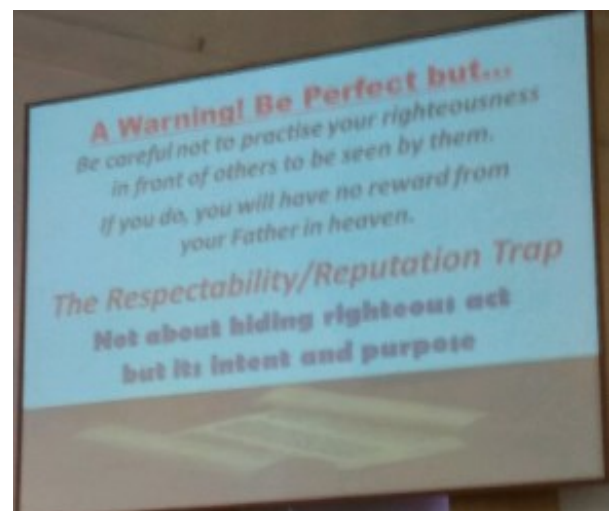
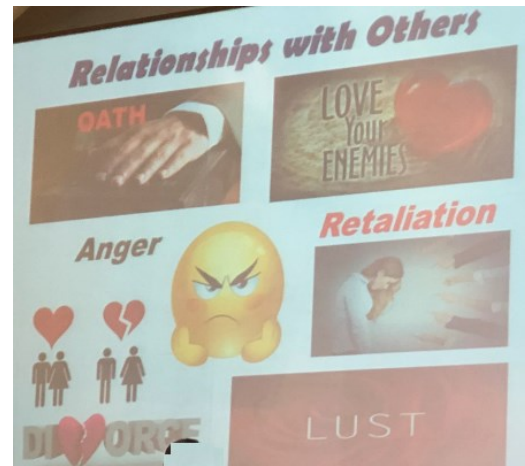
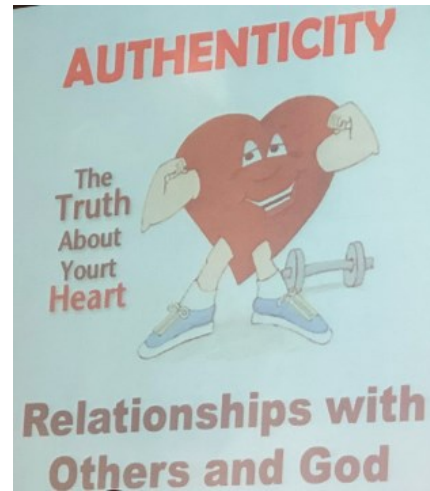


Bible Ref: Matthew 6:1-8, 16-18 NIV

“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. “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 honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. “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. 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. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. “When you fast, do not look somber 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. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, 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.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/mat.6.1-18.NIV>

To live as an Authentic Christian, let or yes be yes and no be no. Don't be a hypocrite.

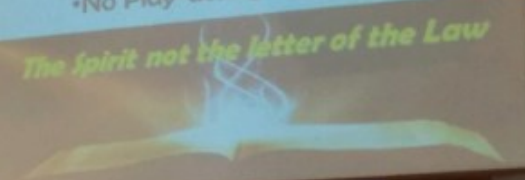


Let our good deeds be seen but for CHRIST n Glorify GOD. NOT glorifying ourselves.

No Pseudo-piety!
Three illustrations

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


The Spirit not the letter of the Law




Do not pray to show holiness, or righteousness, but with Thanksgiving Heart, with sincerity, and trust.

No Play-acting Prayer V5-8
3 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




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.



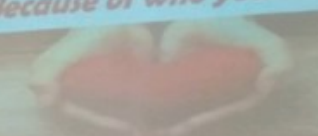
Pray privately
6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

In the Shadow of the Almighty




Give Naturally and Cheerfully from the Heart
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!
Because of who you are



Pray simply with short intelligible prayer
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.

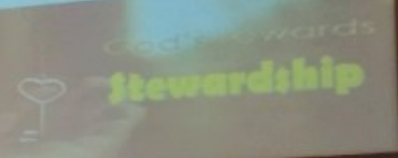
Kingdom Prayer of the Heart



Give graceful, with grateful heart, with love n sincerity.

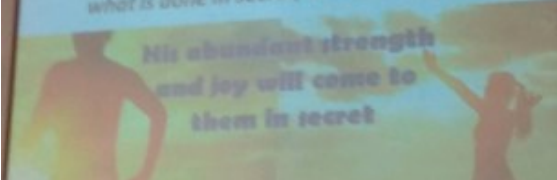
God's Rewards: beyond measure!
Luke 6:38
Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

God's rewards
Stewardship

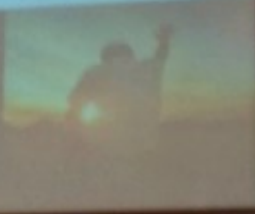


True Fast
17 But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, 18 so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

His abundant strength and joy will come to them in secret



Discipline of Secrecy
His Majesty's Secret Service
Live for the Audience of One
Born Free and Break Free from others!



Secret Service of the Heart
To please God only
To honour God only



Holy Lighters
Be Authentic
Let His Light shines

