Genuine Religion

**(Matthew 6:1-18)**

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**Overview**

* Jesus addresses these three areas of religion: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* What is the motivation that Jesus condemns?
* When we live religion to “show off” we are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

**What are motivations that lead us to hypocrisy as discussed in this lesson?**

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**What does God expect of me?**

* God expects me to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.
* God expects me to be \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ .
* What makes it difficult to fulfill God’s expectations for us?
* What are some areas of religion we need to be sound in according to Philippians 1:9-11?

**Having the right attitude…**

* ...about giving, because in the end all I have belongs to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (Psalm 50:9-12).
* …about fasting, not only with food, but with \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, too. However, it is important to find the right balance (Eccl 5:19).
* …about prayer. Two points from Jesus’ prayer considered in this lesson are
	+ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ (see Matt 6:13)
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In the end our struggle and desire is to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ of God. This is a reason why Jesus spends a few words commenting on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ at the end of the “model prayer,” because this is an evident sign of true religion and of our relationship with God.

If I point the finger at someone’s fault and do nothing to help, or if I use that as an excuse to evade my duties as a Christian, I am a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.