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Subject: Sermon Notes

Scripture: Matthew 6:1-8

Title: I'm a recovering hypocrite. You should be one too.

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Introduction

Matthew 5:17-48 - Six "You have heard *it was said*" pronouncements

Matthew 6:1-7:12 - God's kingdom fleshed out in three areas of everyday life: *our public life before others* (6:1-18), *our personal life by ourselves* (6:19-34) and *interpersonal life in relationships* (7:1-12).

So what is *hypocrisy*?

Israel was a deeply religious nation

How did Jesus view his antagonists? Luke 20:46-47; also see John 5:1-18; Matthew 16:21; John 8:3.

1. Don't try to _____ by doing good for the wrong reasons. Matthew 6:1

The concept of hypocrisy comes from acting.

2. There's a right and wrong way to give. Matthew 6:2-4.

Expectation of all devout Jews – "So when you..."

Negative response –

Negative result –

Proper response –

God's pleasure –

3. There's a right & wrong way to _____. Matthew 6:5-8

Expectation of all devout Jews – "So when you..."

Negative response –

Negative result –

Proper response –

God's pleasure –

Scripture is replete about the topic of hypocrisy. 1 John 4:20-21; 1 Peter 2:16; Romans 2:1-4

Hypocrisy is one-up-manship. It should never be the goal when giving, praying, fasting, etc

How should you & I respond? Give, pray, fast, etc. to the audience of one in mind (God).