

Heart-Driven Devotion: Giving, Prayer & Fasting

Matthew 6:1-18

What characterizes the religious hypocrite?

- A hypocrite acts with calculation, aiming to impress others, not from genuine heart-driven devotion (Mt 6:1–3).
- A hypocrite focuses on outward appearances, neglecting the heart's true love for God and others (Mt 15:1–21).
- A hypocrite uses spiritual words to conceal selfish motives (Mt 22:15–22).

The heart is the secret place (1 Samuel 17:6).

1. The discipline of giving is not about building up ourselves; it's about

Three principles:

You're never too _____ to give

Giving is to be _____

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Challenge: Get one on one with the Lord to talk about giving. (2 Corinthians 9:7)

2. The discipline of prayer is not about impressing others; it's about

Five ways to pray: The Lord's Prayer (Mt 6:9-13)
9) Offer praise and adoration
10) Pray for God's will in your life and the world
11) Pray for your needs and the needs of others
12) Pray for forgiveness of your sins, and the ability to forgive others
13) Pray for strength to live a holy life

Challenge: Join our prayer teams.

3. The discipline of fasting is not about drawing attention to ourselves; it's about

Three benefits:

Fasting teaches _____

Fasting proves we are _____

Fasting helps straighten out our _____

Challenge: Incorporate fasting into your prayer life.