

THE BASICS

WORLDWIDE

Matthew 5:1-16



# Living Beyond The Rules

Matthew 5



# Motives Matter!

**Matthew 6:1-18**



HOPE

What Motivates You?



**What Motivates You?**



**DUTY**



**What Motivates You?**



**FEAR**

**What Motivates You?**



**What Motivates You?**





**NOTHING**

# Right Motives

Romans 2:16 (TLB)

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<sup>16</sup> The day will surely come when at God's command Jesus Christ will judge the secret lives of everyone, their inmost thoughts and **motives**; this is all part of God's great plan, which I proclaim.

# Right Motives

1 Corinthians 4:51 (NIV)

## 1 Corinthians 4:5

<sup>5</sup>Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait till the Lord comes. He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the **motives** of men's hearts. At that time each will receive his praise from God.

# Right Motives

2 Corinthians 5:9-11 (NKJV)

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<sup>9</sup>Therefore we make it our aim, whether present or absent, to be well pleasing to Him. <sup>10</sup> **For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, that each one may receive the things *done* in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad.** <sup>11</sup> Knowing, therefore, the terror of the Lord, we persuade men; but we are well known to God, and I also trust are well known in your consciences.

# Right Motives

1 Thessalonians 2:4 (NLT)

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<sup>4</sup>For we speak as messengers approved by God to be entrusted with the Good News. Our purpose is to please God, not people. He alone examines the **motives** of our hearts.

# Right Motives

James 4:3 (HCSB)

## James 4:3

<sup>3</sup>You ask and don't receive because you ask with wrong **motives**, so that you may spend it on your evil desires.

# Right Motives

Hebrews 4:12 (PHILLIPS)

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<sup>12</sup>For the Word that God speaks is alive and active; it cuts more keenly than any two-edged sword: it strikes through to the place where soul and spirit meet, to the innermost intimacies of a man's being: it exposes the very thoughts and **motives** of a man's heart.

# Right Motives

Revelation 2:23 (NJB)

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<sup>23</sup>and I will see that her children die, so that all the churches realize that it is I who *test **motives** and thoughts and repay you as your deeds deserve.*



# Right Motives



A fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ, a righteous person is *a giving person!*

# Right Motives



A fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ, a righteous person is *praying person*.

# Right Motives



A fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ,  
a righteous person *fasts!*

# *Right Motives*

*A fast is a concerted period of self-denial, demonstrating an increasing devotion to and humility before God. In the case of a fast involving food, the hunger within you reminds you of your desire to truly focus upon the will of God and doing it. In essence a fast is a denial of anything that facilitates the denial of the flesh and the promotion of the spirit. It is an concerted effort to subdue the flesh and to promote the spirit of God within you.*

**hyp·o·crite**

(hip'ə krit)

Function: *noun*

Meaning:

1. a person who puts on a false appearance of virtue or religion
2. a person who acts in contradiction to his or her stated beliefs or feelings

**If you don't walk the walk  
It's probably best not to talk the talk**

**One of the top ten reasons why people  
say they don't go to church is the  
prevalence of hypocrisy**



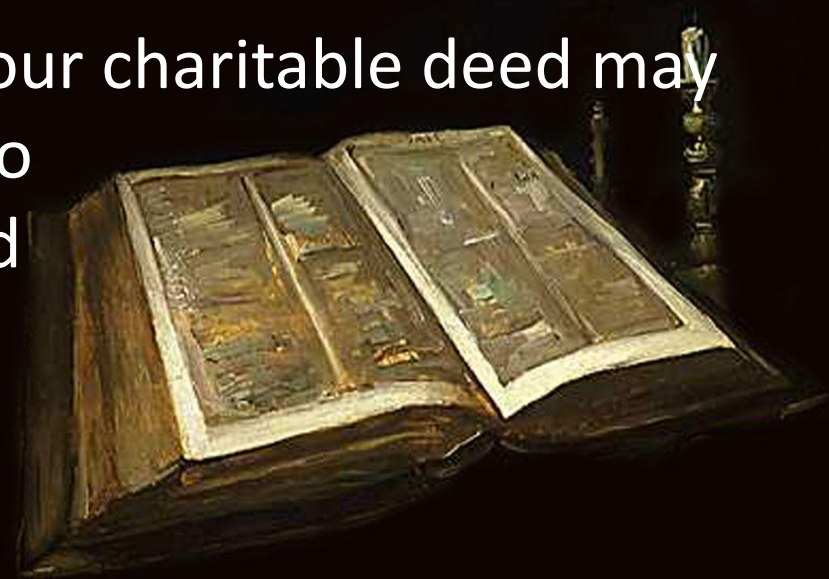
People Magazine conducted a survey in 1986 that ranked the seriousness of sins, and hypocrisy was in the top 20. It was regarded as more “serious” than homosexuality, living together and abortion.

# I. Grace Giving or Gaudy Giving



## Matthew 6:1-4 (NKJV)

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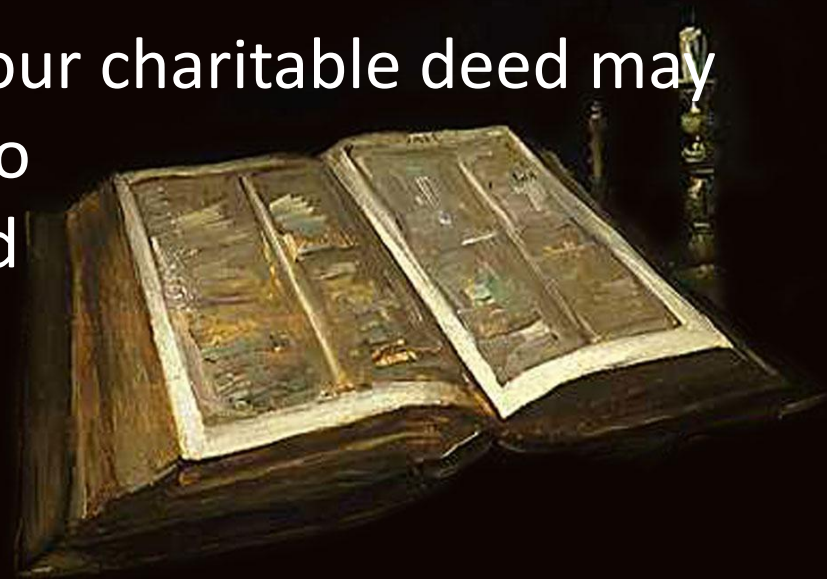
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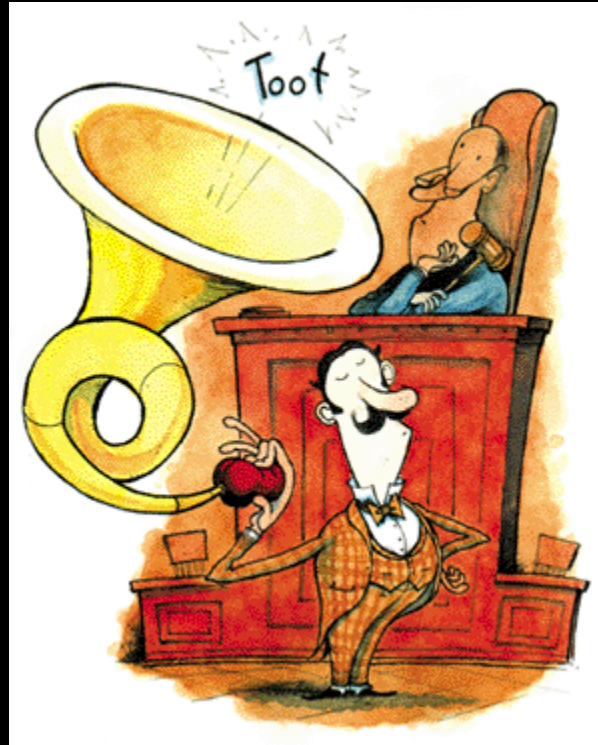
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# Don't blow your own horn!



## II. Deeds of Devotion or Deeds for Recognition

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# *Right Motives*

## **III. Purity in Prayer or a Pretense of Piety**

# Right Motives

Be thou an  
*Example*  
of the believers,  
in word, in conversation,  
in spirit, in charity,  
in faith, in  
purity.

1 Timothy 4:12

*Right Motives*

**MOTIVES MATTER!**