

# **Symptoms**

**Of Self-Righteousness**

**Matthew 6:1-18**

# Introduction

## A. Being Like Christ is Radical

1. Be a person of your word
2. Do positive when wronged
3. Love as God

## B. More context

**Matthew 5:20**

**For I say unto you, That except your righteousness shall exceed the righteousness of the scribes and Pharisees, ye shall in no case enter into the kingdom of heaven.**

## **Matthew 6:1-4**

**1 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.**

**2 Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.**

**3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:**

**4 That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.**

# **I. Be Good Doing Good (6:1-4)**

**A. Receive the warning (6:1)**

**B. Return to the way (6:2-3)**

**C. Remember the why (6:4)**

**D. Realize God is watching (6:4)**

## **Matthew 6:5-15**

**5 And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.**

**6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly.**

## **Matthew 6:5-15 - continued**

**7 But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.**

**8 Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.**

## **Matthew 6:5-15 - continued**

**9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.**

**10 Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.**

**11 Give us this day our daily bread.**

**12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

**Matthew 6:5-15 - continued**

**14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:**

**15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.**

## **II. Pray With Power (6:5-15)**

- A. Without pretense (6:5)**
- B. With His presence (6:6)**
- C. With purpose (6:7)**

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### **D. With proper perspective (6:8-15)**

- 1. God knows our needs (v 8)**
- 2. God deserves our adoration (v 9)**
- 3. God's kingdom and will in sight (v 10)**
- 4. God's provision asked for (v 11)**
- 5. God's forgiveness sought (v 12)**
- 6. God's deliverance necessary (v 13)**
- 7. God's character to dwell in us (vv 14-15)**

# Issues of faith

## **Matthew 6:16-18**

**16 Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.**

**17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face;**

**18 That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.**

# **III. Fast Faithfully (6:16-18)**

## **A. Expected (6:16)**

**For the right reason**

**Mark 2:18-19**

**18 And the disciples of John and of the Pharisees used to fast: and they come and say unto him, Why do the disciples of John and of the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not?**

**19 And Jesus said unto them, Can the children of the bridechamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? as long as they have the bridegroom with them, they cannot fast.**

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## **B. Not an outward show (6:16)**

### **1 Samuel 16:7**

**But the Lord said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature; because I have refused him: for the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.**

### **Colossians 3:23**

**And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men;**

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## **C. For your spiritual walk (6:17-18)**

**Isaiah 58:4-8**

**4 Behold, ye fast for strife and debate, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: ye shall not fast as ye do this day, to make your voice to be heard on high.**

**5 Is it such a fast that I have chosen? a day for a man to afflict his soul? is it to bow down his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? wilt thou call this a fast, and an acceptable day to the Lord?**

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**6 Is not this the fast that I have chosen? to loose the bands of wickedness, to undo the heavy burdens, and to let the oppressed go free, and that ye break every yoke?**

**7 Is it not to deal thy bread to the hungry, and that thou bring the poor that are cast out to thy house? when thou seest the naked, that thou cover him; and that thou hide not thyself from thine own flesh?**

**8 Then shall thy light break forth as the morning, and thine health shall spring forth speedily: and thy righteousness shall go before thee; the glory of the Lord shall be thy reward.**

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