



Elgin Evangelical Free Church - November 3, 2024

I. What's the goal? 5:48

A. Be PERFECT

B. Be CONFIDENT

II. What's motivating your righteousness? 6:1

A. The PERIL

B. The PERSON

III. What about your giving? 6:2-4

A. The EXPECTATION

B. The DANGER

IV. What about your praying? 6:5-8

A. The PITFALLS

B. The PRIORITY

*Life Group Study Notes*  
*What's Your Motivation?*  
*Matthew 6:1-8*

1. Why do you think we so often settle for 'vague' when it comes to our relationship with God instead of letting His perfection be the goal of our lives?
2. Christ has called us to be perfect and left no wiggle room for living life according to our standards. How is this both scary and freeing at the same time?
3. How often does your motivation for living righteously drift from pleasing God to pleasing man? Give an example of this from your own life.
4. Your relationship with God as your Father is key to living righteously. How often do you think about God as your Father? What place does His approval have in your life?
5. God's expectation is that we would give to those in need. Is this part of the pattern of your life? Why or why not?
6. A hypocrite is someone who pretends to do something, but it is not done genuinely or for the right motive. Are you guilty of this? How so?
7. God wants our giving and our praying to be genuine and driven by relationship with Him. How does the way you give and the way you pray reflect your trust in God?

8. What are practical ways that you can avoid the temptation of human praise over reward from your Father? What patterns might you need to change.