

The Structure of the Sermon on the Mount

- I. The Citizens Of The Kingdom (5:3-16)
 - A. Their Character (3-12)
 - B. Their Influence (14-16)
- II. The Righteousness of the Kingdom (5:17—7:12)
 - A. A Right Relationship to Scripture (5:17-48)
 - B. A Right Relationship to God (6:1-34)
 - C. A Right Relationship to Others (7:1-12)
- III. The Dangers of the Kingdom (7:13-27)
 - A. The Wrong Entrance (13-14)
 - B. The False Teachers (15-20)
 - C. A False Profession (21-27)

Matthew 6:1-18

- We must love God and seek His glory rather than love ourselves and seek our own glory.
 1. The General Principle (1)
 2. Three Specific Examples (2-18)
 - a. When you give (2-4)
 - b. When you pray (5-15)
 - c. When you fast (16-18)

Beware of Hypocrisy!

Matthew 6:1

I. The Danger of Hypocrisy (1 a)—“*beware*”

II. The Nature of Hypocrisy (1 b)

A. Its Definition—“*to be noticed*”

1. You pretend to be good when you know you're evil to deceive others (Mt. 22:15-18).
2. You deceive yourself, but others are not deceived (Mt. 7:1-5).
3. You deceive yourself and others (Mt. 7:21).

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II. The Nature of Hypocrisy (1 b)

A. Its Definition—*“to be noticed”*

B. Its Common Characteristics—*a preoccupation with...*

1. Sins of action instead of the heart (Mt. 5:21-37)
2. The sins of others instead of your own (Mt. 7:5)
3. Human rules & tradition rather than God's Word (Mt. 15:7; cf. 1 Tim. 4:2)
4. Lesser commands instead of the weightier (Mt. 23:23)
5. External appearance instead of internal holiness (Mt. 6:2, 5, 16; 23:25-28)

C. Its Heart (cf. 5:16 & 6:2)

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II. The Nature of Hypocrisy (1 b)

- A. Its Definition—*“to be noticed”*
- B. Its Common Characteristics
- C. Its Heart (cf. 5:16 & 6:2)

III. The Consequences of Hypocrisy (1 c)

- A. It often demonstrates an unredeemed heart (Mt. 23:13, 15; 24:51).
- B. It always destroys the believer's reward (Mt. 6:1 b).