

"First!"

Part 5

"3-Part Harmony in Worship!"

--- Matthew 6 ---

"The new righteousness of the citizen of the Kingdom is to glorify God. God is its motive; God is its arm; God is its object; God, and nothing lower than God. No man is truly a citizen who is not in all his conduct and life looking directly God-ward." Charles Gore

In Matthew's gospel, Jesus sets the stage for Christian living – living a lifestyle of obedience (worship).

1. _____ (vs. 15)

- Jesus gives us a _____
 - Relates God-ward – His Kingdom
 - Relates man-ward – right heart

"This prayer has extensive reach, to the edge of the earth; and has an intensive call to all energies and aspects of my own living... Lord, bring heaven through us to earth!" Dr. W. O. Carver

2. _____ (vs. 16 – 18)

- _____ – opens the door to a deeper, more intimate, more powerful relationship with God.
- To the Jews, fasting was an outward sign of the inward experience of repentance
- Luke 18:12 – 2Xs a week
- Colossians 2:14 – not a religious requirement

3. _____ (vs. 1-4, 19-24)

- Three duties of every Christian:

- _____ you pray, _____ you fast, _____ you give – NOT _____!
- These are expressions of Kingdom righteousness

Do not parade your piety to win the _____
_____ (vs. 1-2, 5, 16)

"They have their reward" (vs. 2)

- Reward from "men" cancels out reward from God.

What's "First" in your life?