

## The Rock – Motive Matters – Pastor Bill Gunderson – 7-17-22

1. How comfortable are you in front of a crowd?
2. How much are you on social media?

*Matthew 5:16 – Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

3. How have you been doing in letting your light shine before others?

*Matthew 6:1 – Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others so be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.*

4. How do you read this verse in light of Matthew 5:16 above?
5. Do you think that God wants others to see our good deeds? Why or why not?
6. How much do motives matter in our actions?

*Matthew 6:2-4 – “So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>3</sup> But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.*

7. Matthew 6:2-4 says, “**when you give to the needy**”. What does this phrase tell us about giving?
8. Does giving to the needy come easily for you? Why do you think this is?
9. How do motives matter in giving?

*Matthew 6:5-8 – “And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. <sup>7</sup> And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.*

10. What do these verses tell us about prayer?
11. What do these verses tell us about human nature?
12. Does prayer come easily for you? Does public prayer come easily for you? Why do you think that is?
13. What do you think would help you to pray more?
14. How do motives matter in our prayers?

*Matthew 6:16-18 – <sup>16</sup> “When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. <sup>17</sup> But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup> so that it will not be obvious to others that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.*

15. Have you ever fasted?
16. What is the purpose of fasting?
17. How do motives matter in fasting?
18. How does hypocrisy impact us? How does hypocrisy impact others? How does hypocrisy impact God?
19. What’s one thing you can do this week to make sure you are living with right motives?