

May 31, 2020

"Uninformed Hands" | Matthew 6:1-4

In light of the fact that God gave his one and only Son for us, it is no surprise that giving is a key expectation God has for us. But, how we carry out this practice has a lot of importance. We can do the right thing for the wrong reasons.

June 7, 2020

"Simple Prayer" | Matthew 6:5-15

Prayer seems like such a basic and fundamental part of faith. Yet, most people shy away from it and hardly anyone would be willing to claim that they excel at it. If we are going to grow as disciples then we must practice this basic skill. To do this, we turn to the person who was a master of prayer—Jesus. He cuts to the heart of how we should and shouldn't pray.

June 14, 2020

"Build a Hunger for God" | Matthew 6:16–18

"Welcome to McDonald's, can I take your order please?" We live in a fast-food culture that has extended to every part of our lives. We expect what we want, when we want it. This instant feeding of our desires doesn't just blunt our appetite for food. Our full belly's also can keep us from God. Fasting is an ancient practice that offers to sharpen our hunger for life with God.

June 21, 2020

"What's in Your Wallet?" | Matthew 6:19-24

In our culture it is common to be asked if we are making our money work for us. Jesus flips the question. Are we working for our money? That is, is our money in charge of us? Is its accumulation the driving force of our lives? If it is then we need to reframe our thinking about who to serve.

June 28, 2020

"Franky Says Relax" | Matthew 6:25-34

Life is stressful. It seems like we have to work constantly to get ahead and to get what we want. As a result we live stressed lives which breaks down our health and robs us of real joy. Jesus reminds us that by shifting our perspective we can live by a different ethic.

July 5, 2020

"Hold On to Your Pearls" | Matthew 7:1-6

In our Facebook culture we have learned to publish our opinion on almost every subject—whether we are qualified or not. Jesus calls us to practice a different way, holding back our remarks and evaluations until we have done the deeper work on ourselves. Our judgments are valuable so they should be kept in reserve.