

5 Practices that Cultivate the 8 Values

8 Values: Humility, Mourning sin (others), Gentleness, Righteousness (hunger/thirst), Mercy, Heart Purity, Peacemaking, Fear of God (persecution)

5 Internal Enemies of the 8 Values: Anger, Lusts, Religious Performance, Demand for Justice, Right to Withhold Love

5 Practices that Cultivate the 8 Values - war against 5 Internal Enemies
repeatedly warned against Religious Performance (outward, obligation)

1. **Service** (Mt 6:1-4) - for Him/His Reward

Rewards based in Fear of God or Fear of Men

His Reward is Internal - Conformity to Christ (8 Values)

2. **Prayer** (Mt 6:5-13) - for Him/His Reward (Internal)

Heart exchange vs formula - He wants Partnership, not info or performance

5 types: Worship, Intercession (Kingdom), Supplication, Repentance, Protection (evil)

3. **Forgiveness** (Mt 6:14-15) - not optional!

Parable of Unforgiving Servant (Mt 18:21-35) - review: anger costs

Unforgiveness opens opportunity for tormentors (wrist story)

degree of offense doesn't change Principle (practice! - develop values)

4. **Self Denial** (Mt 6:16-18) - for Him/His Reward (Internal)

Mt 16:24-25 practicing Self Denial is how we find His Resurrection Life (8 Values)

5. **Generosity** (Mt 6:19-24)

He's after our Hearts (Conformity to Christ) - linked to our money (vs 21)

Treasure in Heaven through investing in others (time and money)

Focus issue (lust of eyes - 1 Jn 2:16) - Generosity vs self/stuff (blessings)

His Primary Goal is Conformity to His Son - greatest blessing

Faith issue - self reliance vs trusting God (tithe)

(Lk 16:9-11) ⁹And I say to you, make friends for yourselves by unrighteous mammon, that when you fail, they may receive you into an everlasting home. ¹⁰He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much.

¹¹Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?

True Riches - Power & Authority from Conformity to Christ
through cultivating the 8 Values

(2 Co 9:6-10) ⁶But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸And God is able to make all grace abound toward you, that you, always having all sufficiency in all things, may have an abundance for every good work... ¹⁰Now may He who supplies seed to the sower, and bread for food, supply and multiply the seed you have sown and increase the fruits of your righteousness,

developing a Generous Heart increases Fruit of Righteousness (Phl 1:11, Heb 12:11, Ja 3:18)