

“Examining Our Motives” Matthew 5:43-6:1-4

Grace-orientation adds to a relaxed mental attitude in all things.

Religion always sponsors hate.

Our enemies don't deserve our love but grace doesn't depend upon the nature of our enemies; grace depends on who and what we are.

We are not to treat people on the basis of what kind of people they are; we treat them on the basis of what kind of character, we have.

Grace is a characteristic of God and since He is our Father and we are His sons and daughters; His children ought to manifest the character of their Father so grace should be clearly seen in our lives and our walk should reflect our position in Christ.

Any unbeliever can love someone who loves him and this tells us that morality is not Christianity and that Christianity is not morality; it's something far greater than morality.

Unbelievers can only perform human good; they can be good lovers and good friends but what do we prove when we love those who love us?

We don't do anything more than unbelievers and we can't have impact for Jesus Christ through human good, period.

Jesus Christ is God and He is perfect and His perfection becomes our perfection when we are in union with Him and from the filling of the Holy Spirit, we produce the impossible, the supernatural; we produce something like loving our enemies and when we do that, it turns the world upside down!

People often give out of their lust for attention because they selfishly want to be recognized which is the primary motivation of self-righteousness.

As long as we live, this present tense verb “be careful” must apply to us which means that we have to be constantly on alert so that we don't get into legalism which is operation Human Good and never acceptable to God.

The issue for this lost and dying world will always be the righteousness of God.

God is NEVER interested in human good, no matter how good it is, since it's accomplished by imperfect human beings.

We are to be led by the Holy Spirit in fellowship with God when we give or whatever we do because ONLY then can we produce divine good.