

LIVE IT OUT

Answer these questions on your own or preferably with others to reflect upon and apply what you've heard.

1. Which part of today's message stood out to you and why?
2. See if you can recall the main points of the message using just the emojis: 📢 🙌 🙏 🏆. Then explain how Jesus applied it to one of the three examples of giving, praying, and fasting.
3. Brainstorm some ways you can "change your method" so that you do something worthwhile in secret this week.



Cornerstone's Top Three

Learn what's happening right now with the three most important things for you to know this week at Cornerstone.

1. **We're gathering on Good Friday.** Easter is a high point of the church year, but it can sneak up on us and get lost in the business of everyday life. A Good Friday service can break that cycle and put you in the right frame of mind for an especially meaningful Easter celebration. Join us 7 p.m. Friday, March 29 at Christa McAuliffe School for a three-church combined Good Friday service and communion observance. CornerstoneNH.org/events
2. **Easter is next Sunday.** It's your last chance to invite friends and family to Easter. Invite cards are available On Site. Or just send a text or email with a link to our site and an invitation to sit with you (and maybe have lunch afterwards?). CornerstoneNH.org
3. **"Money on the Mount" begins April 7.** Money mismanagement messes up marriages, hopes, and moments. But it doesn't have to be that way. We can make life better, get better at life, and bring glory to God if we get good at money, and much of the Sermon on the Mount is dedicated to that topic! See how and settle down the chaos around cash Sunday mornings beginning the Sunday after Easter. CornerstoneNH.org/OnSite

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PALM SUNDAY



Your name: _____

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YOUR GROWTH GUIDE FOR

CORNERSTONE ON SITE & CORNERSTONE ONLINE

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 2024

“Can I be well without others thinking well of me?”

SHOW OFF

TODAY'S MESSAGE

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

A STUDY IN _____ – PART TEN

TODAY: APPROVAL • MATTHEW 6:1-18

THE BOTTOM LINE

SHOW OFF _____

PUTS OFF _____

“Watch out! Don't do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others, for you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven. – Matthew 6:1-18 NLT



THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT SO FAR...

“Blessed...” – Matthew 5:3-12

“You are...” – Matthew 5:13-16

“Don't think that I came to abolish the Law or the Prophets.”
– Matthew 5:17-48

“Don't do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others...”
– Matthew 6:1-18

“Don't store up treasures here on earth...” – Matthew 6:19 ff.

#1 WHEN YOU GIVE...

CHECK YOUR _____

When you give to someone in need, don't do as the hypocrites do—blowing trumpets in the synagogues and streets to call attention to their acts of charity! I tell you the truth, they have received all the reward they will ever get.
— Matthew 6:2 NLT



CHANGE YOUR _____

But when you give to someone in need, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. — Matthew 6:3 NLT



Give your gifts in private, and your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.— Matthew 6:4 NLT

ENJOY YOUR _____

so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. — Matthew 6:4 CSB



#2 WHEN YOU PRAY...

"When you pray, don't be like the **hypocrites** who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. — Matthew 6:5 NLT

The word translated hypocrite originally referred to an actor on a stage. Think of putting on a mask and putting on a show for the benefit of the audience. 🎭

...treating prayer meeting and street corner alike as a **stage**...
— Matthew 6:5 MSG

I tell you the truth, that is **all** the reward they will ever get.
— Matthew 6:5 NLT

"Paid in Full." The phrase that Jesus uses is the same one that would be stamped on an invoice. Full payment has been received. No more is coming. 🎭

But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in **private**. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.— Matthew 6:5 NLT

Think of the innermost room of a house, hidden away & out of sight. 🏠

#2 WHEN YOU PRAY... (CONT')

"When you pray, don't babble on and on as the **Gentiles** do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. — Matthew 6:7 NLT

Don't be like them, for **your Father knows** exactly what you need even before you ask him! — Matthew 6:8 NLT

Think relationship when you think of winning a trophy or wearing a ring. 🏆

#3 WHEN YOU FAST...

"And when you fast, don't make it obvious, as the hypocrites do, for they try to look miserable and disheveled so people will admire them for their fasting. I tell you the truth, that is the only reward they will ever get. — Matthew 6:16 NLT

But when you fast, comb your hair and wash your face. Then no one will notice that you are fasting, except your Father, who knows what you do in private. — Matthew 6:17-18 NLT

Here Jesus eschews the customary practices associated with fasting to embrace the greater value of secrecy. 🤫

so that your fasting isn't obvious to others but to **your Father** who **is in secret**. And your Father who sees in secret will **reward** you. — Matthew 6:18 CSB

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NEXT STEP: SAY YES

DO _____ **WORTHWHILE**
IN _____