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KNOW THE SIGNS OF HYPOCRISY

His Story

Introduction: *What is the problem with religion?*

- I. SEEK FIRST THE _____ OF GOD. **Mt. 3:2; 4:23; Mt. 6:33**
 - A. The kingdom of God is the _____ where we will enjoy eternal life.
 1. It is what we were created to enjoy. **Gen. 1:26-28; Ps. 8:3-6; Hb. 2:5-8.**
 2. It is what was promised. **Dt. 18:18-19; Ps. 2:1-3, 10-11; Dan 7:13-14**
 3. It is what was longed for. **Is. 11:1-9; Ps. 37:7-11; Mt. 5:3, 5**
 - B. Jesus was addressing our eternal _____. **Mt. 5:20**
 1. Entering the kingdom is determined at the Judgment. **Mt. 7:21-23**
 2. It is contrasted with hell. **Mt. 5:29; 7:13; 7:19**
- II. FOCUS ON THE SPIRIT AND NOT THE _____. **Mt. 5:20**
 - A. Hypocrites focus on the letter. **2 Cor 3:5-6.**
 1. They do the bare minimum. **Mt. 5:21-22; 27-28; 33-34.**
 2. They teach the commandments of _____. **Mt. 5:33-34**
 - B. Followers focus on the spirit. **Mt. 5:43-44; Rom. 2:28-29.**
 1. They do what it takes to get rid of sin. **Mt. 5:29-30.**
 2. They do not look for _____. **Mt. 5:31-32; Col. 3:23.**
- III. FOCUS ON THE _____ AND NOT APPEARANCES. **Mt. 16:15-20**
 - A. Hypocrites focus on appearances. **Mt. 7:15; Mk. 7:5-9; 17-23.**
 1. They do good works to be seen. **Mt. 6:1-2; 5, 16.**
 2. They live for _____ things. **6:19, 24**
 - B. Followers focus on the heart. **Luk. 16:15; 1 Chr. 28:9**
 1. They do good works for God. **Mt. 6:3-4.**
 2. They live for the kingdom of God. **Mt. 6:31-34**

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