

## 3/8/20 | THE GOOD LIFE | Deeper Morality (Core52:19)



*"For I tell you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the Pharisees and the teachers of the law, you will certainly not enter the kingdom of heaven." —Matthew 5:20 | NIV*

1. Who would you consider a "Saint"? What makes a "good person" a good person?
2. Share about a time you made it look like you did your job/chore/task, but you didn't do it yet.

Did you get found out? Was your reputation worth risking your integrity? Explain.

3. Why are motives more important than actions to become a good person?
4. What stuck out to you from the sermon this week? Explain.

### **More than Skin-Deep**

5. Which of the six illustrations of Jesus is an area you feel you convicted to deepen your moral motives?
6. Read Matthew 5:44. How is this sort of righteousness more than skin-deep?
7. How is this different from the rest of the world?
8. Read the Good Samaritan from Luke 10:25-37. How were the first two passersby showing skin-deep righteousness?

How was the Good Samaritan showing deeper morality?

How have you acted like the first two?

How have you acted like the Samaritan?

9. Read 1 Samuel 16:6-7, Matthew 23:25-28, and Romans 2:25-29. Why are we called to righteousness that is deeper than our appearance?

If nobody knows the difference in this world, does it still matter? Why?

10. What has this study taught you about following Jesus?

11. What has it shown you about righteousness that is more than skin-deep?

12. Share with the group a time when you successfully wrestled down motives in one of the six areas Jesus mentioned. Everyone listening should prod for actionable steps that led to success. The purpose is to discover practical tips that you could help us all become a "good person" in one more area.

13. Why does it matter?

**TAKEAWAY:** With Jesus as your King, and His Spirit with your plow, you can live the good life.