Are You Doing the Right Things?

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INTRODUCTION

- God says it's not enough for you to simply do the right things. But God cares why you do them.
- Did you know that we could do all the right things and do them for the wrong reasons? And this is the sad part, and lose our souls.
- It is eternally important that we do the will of God from the heart.

1 The Right Reasons in Evangelism

Ephesians 4:15; Mark 6:30–34; 2 Corinthians 5:9–11

- But speaking the truth in love may grow up in all things into him who is the head Christ.
- Jesus, when he came out, saw a great multitude and was moved with compassion for them because they were like sheep, not having a shepherd. So he began to teach them many things.
- He's not concerned about empty bellies. He's concerned about empty souls.
- Knowing therefore the terror of the Lord, we persuade men.
- Christianity is a teaching religion. We have to open up our mouths.
- But we better make sure, as the ones who are the vessels, the ambassadors, the messengers, we need to make sure that we have the proper motivation.

2 The Right Reasons in Giving Back to God

2 Corinthians 9:6–7; Acts 17:24–28

- So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver.
- If the only reason you're giving is because you're commanded to give, God says that's not good enough.
- God owns everything. That money that you have, God owns it. We're just stewards.
- We're giving because we appreciate God. We love God.
- When we make those sacrifices, we do so with a cheerful spirit.

3 The Right Reasons in Partaking of the Lord's Supper

1 Corinthians 11:23–34; 1 Corinthians 15

- We can partake of the Lord's Supper, and our minds can be a million miles away.
- This is my body which is broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.
- Whoever eats this bread or drinks this cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord. But let a man examine himself.
- We've got to make sure that we're thinking about Christ and thinking about his sacrifice.
- We need to take the time to discipline our minds and focus in a very intense way on what we're doing when we partake of the Lord's Supper.

4 The Right Reasons in Charitable Giving

1 Corinthians 13:1–3; Matthew 6:1–4

- And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing.
- God cares why you do what you do. You've got to have the proper motivation.
- Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men. To be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven.
- When you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.
- There is no social media or Facebook exception to Matthew 6, 1 through 4.
- We're doing things because we love God and we love people.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Why are you here this morning? Tradition, habit, keep the elders off of me. This is what I do. Are you here because you love God? With all your heart, mind, and soul.**

MY NOTES