

In the Scripture, the Pharisees went to the temple all the time and did the correct religious things outwardly, but they had wrong motives. They went to be seen and to impress people. They prayed long prayers out loud, but only because they wanted everybody to hear them. They gave their money so they would look good. In the process, they failed to see God right in front of them, in Jesus.

Today's Scripture verse tells us that your inner life is far more important than your outer life. On a regular basis you should ask yourself: "Why am I doing this? Is it to help this person out of love, or to impress them and get something? Am I seeking the promotion to be my best, or to feed my ego and prove my importance? Am I volunteering as a service to God, or to get other people's applause?" Don't go year after year as the Pharisees did, giving, serving, doing the right thing but not reaping any rewards, because you are doing it for the wrong reasons.

Matthew 5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God."