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Matthew 6:1-6

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God "Likes" when our motives and practices honor Him.

Spiritually speaking, <u>private</u> means secretly with Him and for Him.

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⁹The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure. Who can understand it?

Jeremiah 17:9

²All a man's ways seem right to him, but the LORD evaluates the motives.

Proverbs 16:2 (HCB)

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The key to God's "Likes" is when our pure motives are marked by our private practices.

Private Practices

- 1. Private Worship
- 2. Private Conversation
- 3. Private Sacrifice

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