

## WHY SO SHALLOW?

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*Building A Deeper Life In A Shallow World, part 1*

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### BIG QUESTION: Why are we so shallow?

“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.” **Matthew 6:1**

“So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. **Matthew 6:2**

“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. **Matthew 6:5**

“When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show others they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. **Matthew 6:16**

#### 1. Living OUTWARD without developing our inner life with God keeps us living shallow. (Religion)

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

**Matthew 6:19–21**

*Your heart follows your treasure.*

#### 2. Treasuring the WRONG THINGS keeps us living shallow. (Values)

*We can treasure good things that are not ultimate things.*

“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?” **Matthew 6:25**

#### 3. FEAR, worry, self-reliance, and self-protection keep us living shallow.

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”  
**Matthew 6:33-34**

#### 4. Failure to put FIRST THINGS FIRST keeps us living shallow.

“Put first things first and we get second things thrown in: put second things first & we lose *both* first and second things.” **C.S. Lewis**

**QUESTION: Are you living shallow?**