

**Sermon Series**

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# **The Sermon On The Mount**





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**Matthew 6:1-4**

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**“Having shown us true well-being and the goodness of the kingdom heart, Jesus now, in Matthew 6, alerts us to the two main things that will block or hinder a life constantly interactive with God and healthy growth in the kingdom. These are the desires to have the approval of others, especially for being devout, and the desire to secure ourselves by means of material wealth.”**

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**Dallas Willard**

## How it goes...

- Do acts of righteous (illustration here is almsgiving)
- You will be seen
- You will receive a reward from the one who sees you

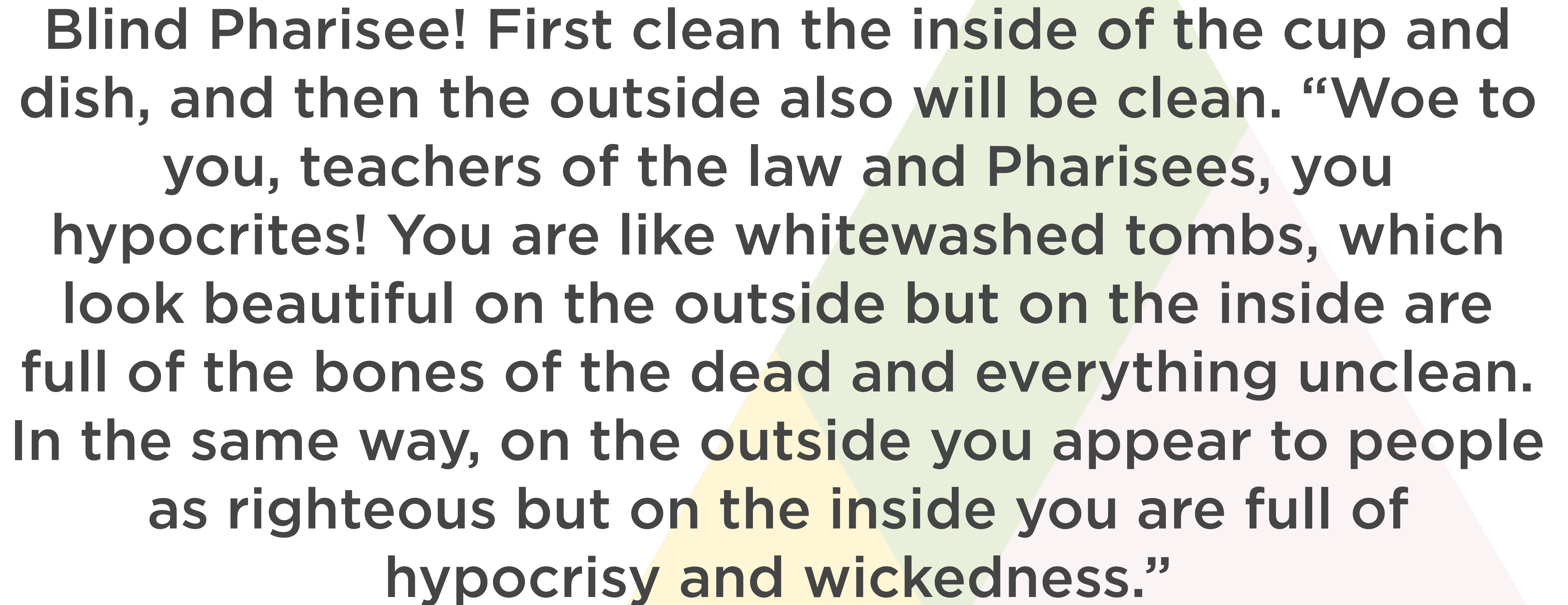
## How it *was* going...

- Acts of righteousness were being done (good!)
- They were being done to be seen by other people
- They were motivated by the rewards others gave

## Matthew 23:23-28

**“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former. You blind guides! You strain out a gnat but swallow a camel. “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.**





**Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside also will be clean. “Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which look beautiful on the outside but on the inside are full of the bones of the dead and everything unclean. In the same way, on the outside you appear to people as righteous but on the inside you are full of hypocrisy and wickedness.”**





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## Matthew 11:28-30 (The Message)

**Are you tired? Worn out? Burned out on religion? Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me—watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly.”**



**What do I do in front of others - with the motivation of being seen by them - for the sake of their applause and approval?**

**What are of my life is Jesus calling me into greater freedom from and into further rest and abundance through practicing the discipline of secrecy?**

**Do you want to know Jesus?**