



Beware - 8/25/19

OVERVIEW

Trying to stay relevant is exhausting. It is so easy to get caught up in the cycle of the newest trend, that who we are can rely on the rise and fall of perception. So, we put on our mask: "I've got it all together," or "Everything is ok." It is a dangerous way to live. What if we took the mask off? What if we chose to break the mold and bring Jesus into the equation of our everyday lives?

Scripture (ESV): I Peter 5:8; Matthew 5:16, 6:1-6, and 6:16-18; Acts 1:13-14

APPLICATION

- Share a time when you believe you experienced unconditional approval.
- Where in your life do you live under the "tyranny of needing the approval of other people?"
- Matthew 6:1 warns us that we should watch out when we practice righteousness in front of other people. What tends to happen to our spiritual life when we pay close attention to other people and what they think?
- Matthew 6:17-18 talks about God rewarding us when we obey Him in secret, and not in public. What can we learn about God in this passage? What does He seem to care about?
- HOMEWORK: In your life, how can you begin to practice the "discipline of secrecy"? Get started this week by finding tangible ways you can worship privately.

