

On The Road To Emmaus

In this life so many things are not private anymore. People post their daily lives on Facebook and Twitter as well as Snapchat, Tik Tok and Instagram. I am sure that there are some social media channels that I have forgotten about or are brand new in the last 15 minutes.

People post not only what they do but also if you are with them you will find your experience recorded and posted for posterity. This is not necessarily a bad thing. However we seem to be losing our boundaries. Our public and private lives are now blurred.

Jesus has clear lines between our public and private lives. One example of this is the teaching that He gave us on the subject of prayer. Jesus tells us in Matthew 6.6: *"But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."* This text is very straight forward and clear. He is directing His followers to find a place that is private and to practice a life of private prayer secretly. What He means is that our prayer life is not just to be in the public eye. He tells us that we will not be broadcasting, posting or telling everyone about our prayers and our prayer life.

Jesus has given us a command to practice private prayer secretly. This is a duty that we have as followers of Jesus Christ. The question for us today is, how are we doing? Are we living a life of regular daily obedience in our prayer life?

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