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Jesus assumes His followers will be **GIVING**, **PRAYING** and **FASTING**.

Defining religion versus relationship:

Religion is checking off the **RIGHT BOXES** to get **RIGHT** with God.

Religious motives tend to make us **LOOK BETTER** and **FEEL BETTER**.

Relationship is a **RESPONSE** from the **HEART** because of how God **CHECKED** all the **BOXES** for us.

How a great example becomes a lousy prayer:

Matthew 6:5-15, James 4:2-3, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, Colossians 3:12-14

The Lord's Prayer is a **HOW**, not a **WHAT**.

It is a **PATTERN** to follow, not a **PRAYER** to recite.

It is an example of how to:

CONNECT with God, not how to **INFORM** Him.

Get our **HEARTS** right, not our **WORDS** right.

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