

**MATTHEW: THE KING
AND HIS KINGDOM**

Character of the Disciple: Cultivating a Secret Life With God

Matthew 6:16-18



Additional Scripture References

- **Matthew 6:1-6**



1. The Great Benefit in Occasionally Saying “No” to my Appetites



2. The Greater Benefit in the Joy of Self-forgetfulness



Jesus wants His followers to see that if they make their spirituality into performance art, they will gain human approval, but they will also forfeit a far greater gift: a secret life with God.



The essence of gospel-humility is not thinking more of myself or thinking less of myself, it is thinking of myself less. Gospel-humility is not needing to think about myself. Not needing to connect things with myself.



*Tim Keller, The Freedom of
Self-Forgetfulness*

It is an end to thoughts such as, 'I'm in this room with these people, does that make me look good?' True gospel-humility means I stop connecting every experience, every conversation, with myself. In fact, I stop thinking about myself.



*Tim Keller, The Freedom of
Self-Forgetfulness*

[It is] the freedom of self-forgetfulness, the blessed rest that only self-forgetfulness brings.



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Self-Forgetfulness*

3. The Greatest Benefit
is the Delight of a Secret
Life with God.



THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD AND
DIAM HIS BELOVEDS I DON'T
NEED TO PROVE MYSELF

