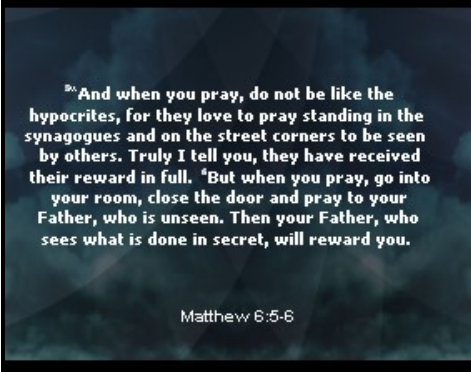


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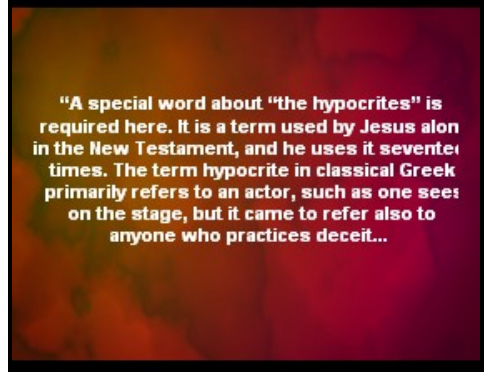


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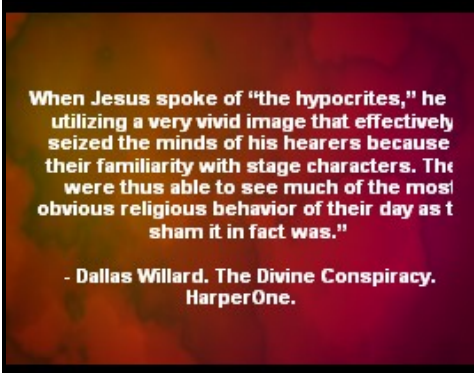
5"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 6But

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"A special word about "the hypocrites" is required here. It is a term used by Jesus alone in the New Testament, and he uses it seventeen times. The term hypocrite in classical Greek primarily refers to an actor, such as one seen on the stage, but it came to refer also to anyone who practices deceit...

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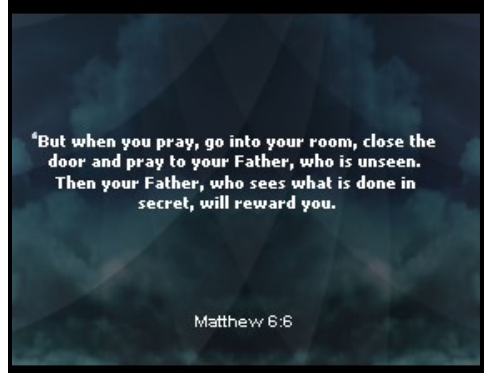
- Dallas Willard. *The Divine Conspiracy*. HarperOne.

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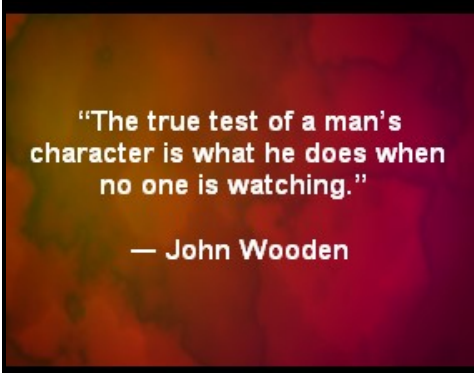
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6But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

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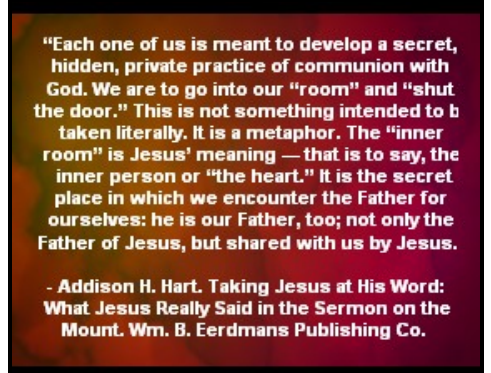
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"Each one of us is meant to develop a secret, hidden, private practice of communion with God. We are to go into our "room" and "shut the door." This is not something intended to be taken literally. It is a metaphor. The "inner room" is Jesus' meaning — that is to say, the inner person or "the heart." It is the secret place in which we encounter the Father for ourselves: he is our Father, too; not only the Father of Jesus, but shared with us by Jesus.

- Addison H. Hart. *Taking Jesus at His Word: What Jesus Really Said in the Sermon on the Mount*. Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co.

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- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship* (New York: Touchstone, 1995)

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