

**Sermon on the Mount**  
***The Righteousness of the Scribes & Pharisees***  
Matthew 5:20

**I. What does this “righteousness” mean?**

- A. They talked a lot and did a little
- B. They were all about appearances
- C. They picked and chose what they liked
- D. They loved money

**II. The Righteousness of the Kingdom**

- A. We cannot say one thing and do another
- B. We are not to do things for the appearance of others
- C. We cannot neglect the parts we don't like
- D. We are not to be lovers of money

**III. Warnings for those who think they can be Christians and not obey Scripture**

- A. When there is a disconnect with our profession of faith and our conduct - James 2:14-17; I Jn. 2:4-6; I Jn 3:18
- B. When our personal private lives are not consistent with our public appearance - Mark 4:22
- C. When we don't make diligent effort to observe ALL that Jesus commanded - Matt. 28:20; Jn. 8:31,32
- D. When we fall into the trap of materialism - I Tim. 6:9,10; I Jn. 2:15-17

**IV. Takeaway:**

- A. Without question, our righteousness as citizens of the Kingdom must exceed that of the Scribes & Pharisees by actively pursuing a deeper relationship with Him
- B. Only by the grace of God can we live this righteous life