

## Building Your Life on Solid Rock Part 8 Phony Bologna and Plastic Bananas

<sup>24</sup> “Anyone who listens to my teaching and follows it is wise, like a person who builds a house on **solid rock**. **Matthew 7:24** [final summary sermon]

**“Watch out!** Don’t do your good deeds publicly, to be admired [theater] by others, for you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven. <sup>2</sup> When you give to someone in need, don’t do as the hypocrites [play actors] do—blowing trumpets in the synagogues and streets to call attention to their acts of charity! I tell you the truth, they have received all the reward they will ever get. ....<sup>5</sup> “When you pray, don’t be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you...<sup>16</sup> “And when you fast, don’t make it obvious, as the hypocrites do, for they try to look miserable & disheveled so people will admire them for their fasting. I tell you the truth, that is the only reward they will ever get.

Matthew 6:1-2, 5-6,16

We live in a phony **“plastic”** world!

Even Reality TV is NOT REAL!

The World is looking for the REAL DEAL and so Is the LORD!

*The eyes of the Lord search the whole earth in order to strengthen those whose hearts are **fully committed** to Him.* 2 Chronicles 16:9

*But when the Son of Man returns, how many will He find on the earth who have faith?”* Luke 18:8

The greatest testimony **FOR** or **AGAINST** Christianity CAN BE the life of a Christian!

Look at the difference in Jesus with “sinners” and Jesus with hypocrites!

### 1. Phony Bologna on Display In 3 areas..... DO SAY ACT

#### >Phony in What We **Do**

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Matthew 6:1-4

#### >Phony in What We **Say**

<sup>5</sup> *“When you pray, **don’t be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them.** I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. <sup>6</sup> But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you...<sup>7</sup> “When you pray, don’t babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. <sup>8</sup> Don’t be like them, **for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask Him!***

Matthew 6:5-8

Don’t Pray to Impress **Others**

Don’t Pray to Impress **God**

Watch Your Language

Watch the Length

Don’t Pray to **Inform** God

Pray to **Invite** God For Fellowship

## >Phony in How We **Act**

<sup>16</sup> "And when you fast, don't make it obvious, as the hypocrites do, **for they try to look miserable & disheveled so people will admire them for their fasting.** I tell you the truth, that is the only reward they will ever get. <sup>17</sup> But when you fast, comb your hair and wash your face. <sup>18</sup> Then no one will notice that you are fasting, except your Father, who knows what you do in private. And your Father, who sees everything, will reward you. Matthew 6:16-18

Being Different Does Not Mean Being **WEIRD!**

## 2. Phony Bologna is Dangerous *that is the only reward they will ever get.* Matthew 6:16b

>Lying to Yourself

>Cheating Yourself

>Destroying Yourself <sup>22</sup> On judgment day many will say to Me, 'Lord! Lord! We prophesied in your name and cast out demons in Your name and performed many miracles in Your name.' <sup>23</sup> But I will reply, I never knew you. Get away from Me, you who break God's laws. Matthew 7:22-23

## 3. Phony Bologna Must Be Disregarded *Watch out!* (there's probably a little hippo in all of us)

Are We More concerned about men or God? Questions to asks:

Have I ever failed to obey God cuz I was worried about others might think?

Have I ever done something and got upset cuz some else got credit?

Have I ever quit something cuz I was not recognized?

Have I ever let people praise me for something someone else did?

Am I defeated and discouraged by hypocrites?