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Message Series "Disciplines of a Disciple"

"...Discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness." –1 Timothy 4:7

"How to Be Godly...Fast" Matthew 6:16-18

¹⁶ "And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ¹⁷ But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

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Fasting is...

'Fast Facts'

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- "Fasting reveals what controls you." –Richard Foster (Celebration of Discipline)

Why Fast?

(Five biblical reasons for spiritually-focused fasting)

1. to empower ______.

Ezra 8:23, Matthew 17:21

2. to seek ______.

Judges 20, Acts 14:23, Job 23:12

3. to express ______.

1 Samuel 31:13, Joel 2:12, 1 Samuel 7:6, Psalm 35:13, Jonah 3:5-8, Isaiah 58

4. to seek ______.

2 Chronicles 20:3-4, Esther 4:16

5. to offer ______.

Luke 2:37, Acts 13:2

