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Classical Conversations

Classical Conversations Interest

Harborview has three licensed Classical Conversations Communities on campus (Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday). If you homeschool, or are thinking about homeschooling your family and are interested in the classical method of learning.



To learn more, contact Erin Hardwick, erin@hfcgh.org

HF Kids

Dinner and Darts

-WHO: ELEMENTARY AGED KIDS AND THEIR FAMILIES

-WHAT: Hot dogs, fellowship and nerf gun battles!

-WHERE: The Harborview Fellowship Field

-WHEN: August 27, 6:15pm-8:00pm

-HOW: Bring a side or dessert to share.

REQUIRED: Bring your own nerf guns and eye protection

****Standard size darts will be provided****



Learn more, or register here:

<https://harborviewfellowship.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/455/responses>

Volunteer Training

Hello HF Kids' Min Volunteer,

Our annual volunteer training is quickly approaching!

WHAT: Our ONLY REQUIRED HF Kids volunteer training for the entire year!

VERY important for not only our children's safety and growth, but for our volunteers as well!

Enjoy lunch and prizes on us!

This will be a valuable time of fellowship and collaboration for all grade level teams!

WHEN: September 14, right after the second service (12:45-2:30pm)

WHERE: Harborview Fellowship Fireside Room

Register Online

Learn more, or register here:

<https://harborviewfellowship.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/456/responses>



Men's Fall Breakfast

Join us for a hearty, now legendary HF men's breakfast and straight talk from a warrior-saint: **Retired Three-Star General William G. "Jerry" Boykin**—Green Beret, Original Delta Force commander, and bold voice for biblical manhood.

Retired General Boykin is one of the most accomplished and decorated warfighters of the US armed forces. Boykin's decorated 36-year military career included 13 years as a commando in Delta Force, the United States Army's elite special operations, counter-terrorism unit. He was one of the elite warriors chosen in 1978 to form the first unit in America's ultra-secretive and deadly Delta Force.

As one of its founders, he served two years as commander of Delta Force and participated in some of its most high-profile missions, including the Iran hostage crisis in 1980, the hunt for drug lord Noriega in 1989-90, and the "Black Hawk Down" firefight in Mogadishu, Somalia, in 1993, to name a few.

Come hungry for a famous HF men's breakfast *and* fearless truth. No excuses, now is the time for bold men of faith to stand strong!

- Cost: \$15
- 7am to 9am
- Bring a friend. Bring your son(s)
- Great fellowship

Great encouragement

Learn more, or register here:

<https://harborviewfellowship.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/453/responses>



Seven Pillars - for men struggling with add

Tuesday Evenings Starting October 7th, 7-9pm.

Participants will be responsible for purchasing their own books. The required materials are the Seven Pillars of Freedom Kit (physical copy), which should be purchased from Pure Desire here: Pure Desire Shop

This group will walk through the Seven Pillars of Freedom by Pure Desire-- a proven biblically-based curriculum designed to help men break free from the cycle of unwanted sexual behaviors and establish a foundation for lifelong integrity.

This is a structured, confidential group where consistency and commitment are key. The process is intentional and requires honest participation, weekly reading and homework to fully engage with the material and the group experience.

If you need help obtaining these resources, please let us know--we're happy to assist.

For more information contact:

Jason Lerew - jlerew@gmail.com or 253-225-0373

Learn more, or register here:

<https://harborviewfellowship.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/451/responses>



Prayer

Freedom Prayer

We provide a prayer opportunity for anyone who feels the need for increased freedom and personal breakthrough in their lives. You will be walked through a process of Freedom Prayer by 2 or 3 of our trained Ministry Team Members.

Come with an expectant and receptive heart for the Lord to powerfully minister to you!

Learn more, or register here:

<https://harborviewfellowship.org/prayer>



Intercessory Prayer

Join us for Intercessory prayer, Tuesday nights at 6:30pm, or Thursday mornings at 6:30am.

Learn more, or register here:

<https://harborviewfellowship.org/prayer>



Small Groups

Small Groups exist to help each one of us grow up into the life of God within us.

They are a primary mechanism for shepherding through relationship + discipleship.

Learn more, or register here:

<https://harborviewfellowship.ccbchurch.com/goto/forms/368/responses>



Freedom Intensive

The Freedom Intensive Plus Fall 2025 conference will offer four training tracks: *Living Set Free* (LSF), *Hearing God's Voice* (HGV), *Freedom Prayer Training* (FPT), and *At the Heart of Generosity* (AHG).



The conference will be on Thursday-Saturday, October 2-4, 2025.

\$95 per person Early Bird Registration by September 19, 2025
(the price will be \$80 if you already own a manual).

\$125 per person for Registration after September 19, 2025
(the price will be \$110 if you own a manual).

Have children? We have a special session of Living Set Free just for Harborview Families offered separately this Fall. Details to come!

Learn more, or register here:

<https://sycamorecommission.org/events/events-at-harborview>

Giving

Thank you for being a part of Harborview Fellowship Church. Your donations are used to support, grow, and advance God's kingdom through a number of ministries at Harborview Fellowship including Children and Youth ministries, Outreach, Missions, Operations, and Jesus Ministry training both locally and globally.

You can mail a check, or give online to the link below.

Harborview Fellowship
4819 Hunt Street NW
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

Learn more, or register here:

<https://harborviewfellowship.org/give>



“JESUS ON GIVING”

Matt.6: 1-4

* REVIEW



* INTRODUCTION:

1. It is interesting how adept we are at drawing attention to ourselves.
 - Infants are masters at it. They can't even talk but they can get your attention and put on fantastic show for you. The more you recognize their theatrical efforts with laughter the more they perform.
 - Toddlers perfect the art with a pestering request of, “watch me, watch me”; as they demonstrate to you something they have conquered in their pursuit of growing up.
 - Youth find security in parents, family, and friends paying them attention.
 - What youth is not disappointed if as a parent you don't witness their sporting event or musical performance.
 - As adults we also cry out in our adult ways, “notice me, notice me”.
2. The older we get we notice that a preoccupation with drawing attention to one's self is out of order and even obnoxious to others so we get equally adept at doing it in covert or less noticeable ways.
3. The root of it all is that we desire to be honored by others to one degree or another and in one way or another.
4. Another point that stands out in Christ's teaching is that God is very interested in the religious activities of man and pays very close attention to them.

*** Matthew 6:1–4 (NKJV)** *“Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. 2 Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 3 But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.*

* JESUS' CULTURE OF MINISTRY vs. 1

Matthew 6:1 (NKJV) *"Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven."*

Jesus' Teaching Method

- Jesus Christ teaches in principle and then provides distinct and specific real-life applications to illustrate His principles.
- a. * **In 5:20** Jesus set forth the principle of truth to His religious audience that to qualify for God's Kingdom you must have a righteousness that exceeds that of the religious rulers.
 - Jesus then illustrated in the following 28 verses in "6" life applications of what such righteousness looks like.
- b. * **In 6:1** Jesus now proclaims that how we do what we do in righteous or religious activity is just as important as what we do.
 - He will take the next 17 verses to illustrate with 3 illustrations the point of His second axiom.
 1. **vs.2-4** – Giving
 2. **vs.5-15** – Praying
 3. **vs.16-18** - Fasting
 - Like chapter 5, chapter 6 will show the curse of human attempts at righteousness are once again more concerned with self than the God.
 - Our hearts can be so deceitful.

* God's Warning

Take heed, or Beware . . .

- Take knowledge of, be cautious, give attention to, a warning like a road sign regarding treacherous conditions.
- It was a nautical term meaning to pay attention to hold a ship on course.

. . . * **that you do not do** your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them.

- Don't do your righteousness before men so that you will be the one who is noticed.
- He is not saying don't do your righteousness before men, for if we live out true righteousness it will be before men.

Matthew 5:16 (NKJV) *Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.*

- He is saying to not do your righteousness before people so that you are the one being noticed, but that your works are noticed and God is glorified.
- The term translated “to be seen” is *theoamai* which means *to be gazed upon with deliberate vision*.
- It was a theatrical term; the spotlight was on the actor, so to speak.
- You are the glorified one, the one in the spotlight, instead of God being glorified.

... * **Otherwise, you have no reward** from your Father in heaven.

- You therefore have no reward from God. For your actions were not for God and His glory but for you.
- Notice:
 - vs. 1 You have no reward with your Father
 - vs.2 They have their reward in full
 - vs.4 Your Father who sees in secret will repay you
- God will reward every person for deeds done in this life.

* **CHARITABLE GIVING** vss. 2-4

- God is as or more concerned about how and why we do what we do as He is what we do. HEART AND MOTIVE ARE A BIG DEAL TO GOD!

* **How Not to Give** vs. 2

Matthew 6:2 (NKJV) *Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.*

1. * **Ostentatiously!** Don't Use a Trumpet!

- Most believe that this is a figure of speech versus a literal action.
- It was not uncommon for the blast of the trumpet to call an assembly or to precede an important announcement.

2. * **Hypocritically**

- Gk Wd is “hupocrites” is a theatrical term describing an actor; referring to the wearing of a mask that would conceal the true identity of the actor.
- Such giving, as many religious leaders participated in, they try to appear to be something that they are not.

- They are not performing their activity for God or the recipients of their charitable action.
- They were doing it for their benefit, the benefit of perception.
- They sought the recognition and applause of others.

ILLUST.: Ananias and Sapphira Acts 5. They gave as hypocrites, lying to God and the people; but God called them out.

3. * For Vain Temporal Reward

- Their objective is to receive recognition and glory from people, instead of honoring and receiving honor from God.
- As a result, they received their reward!
- Real trumpet blowing is of the inner person.
- Theatrical, hypocritical, performance-based ministry is not kingdom culture.
- Performing in a manner to portray something that is not totally true.

* How to Give

vss. 3-4

Matthew 6:3–4 (NKJV) *But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.*

1. * Discreetly – in Secret

- *To not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing* is a figure of speech that communicates doing something without a special effort or show.
- Everyday your prominent hand will do things which your other hand is unconscious of and is not involved with the action.
 - We do it everyday as a normal course of life.
- What Jesus is saying is that giving to God and those in need should be a normal course of activity by those who belong to Christ.
 - It should be done in simplicity, directly, and discreetly!

2. * Unto God

- God's kingdom charitable activity does not seek the recognition of people but is done totally unto God and for His glory.
- Picture everything you do as it only being seen and known by God, would you be just as enthusiastic if only God would know what you did or gave?
- Even in a work environment, this principle applies.

* **Colossians 3:23–24** (NKJV) *And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men, 24 knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ.*

3. * For Divine Reward

- We should desire God's reward, the divine reward.
- God does not forget the good deeds and works that you do.
 - He recognizes honors that good deeds done by His people.

* **Hebrews 6:10** (NKJV) *For God is not unjust to forget your work and labor of love which you have shown toward His name, in that you have ministered to the saints, and do minister.*

Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV) *But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.*

- Many often look to people to receive recognition and reward for charitable acts and deeds done by them.
- Many become offended, embittered, and resentful as people do not recognize, reward, and honor their actions as was expected.
- The "Love of Honor" is innately found in mankind, the efforts to resolve that in the honor of people instead of God is idolatry.

* APPLICATION

- Is your life a life of giving and ministry to God and to others for God, or are you selfish and living for yourself, even in charitable acts and words?

1. Are you?

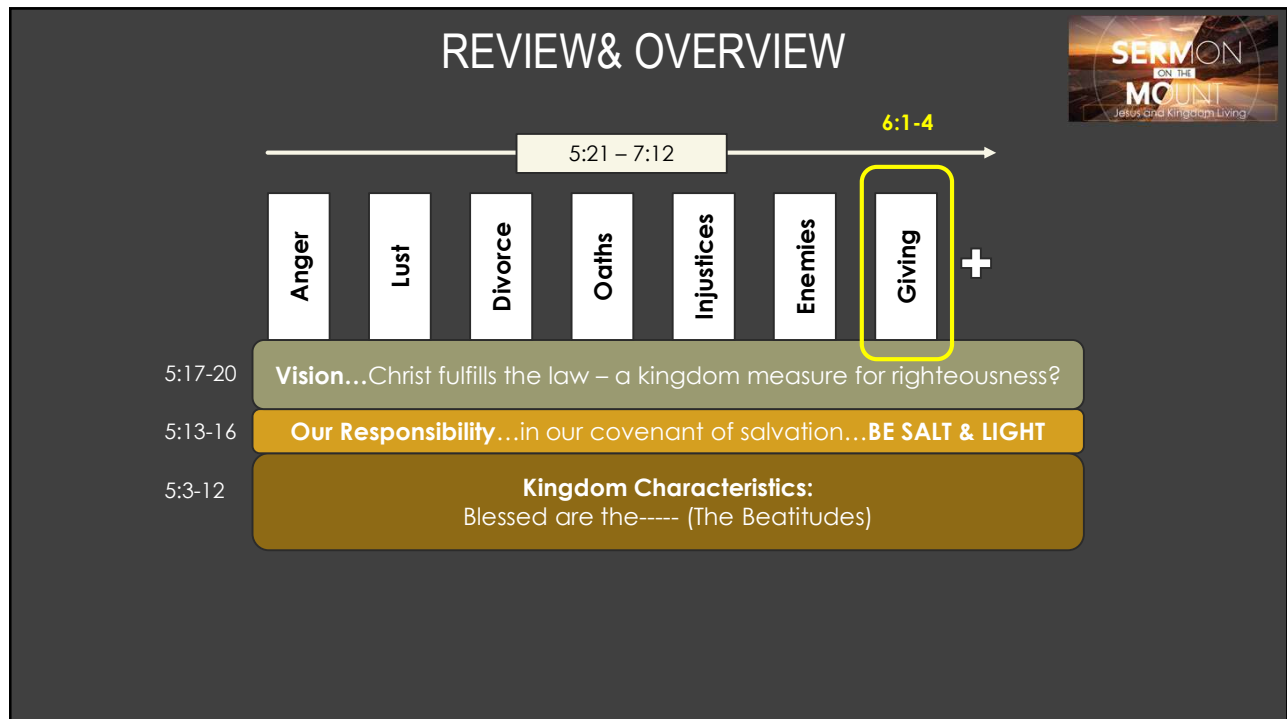
- Giving and ministering to others on God's behalf and for His honor and recognition?
- It is assumed that if we are in Christ we give and are generous.
- His is an active kingdom; one of participants, not spectators.

2. Why?

- What is your motive in all that you do, is it for others and God or for yourself?
- His is a properly incentivized kingdom.



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