

An Honest Life
Matthew 6:1-6

Study#7 of Life on the Rock

1. Begin with Prayer

2. Read Scripture Together Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18

Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. "Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

3. Share Who You Are

- A. Why is it hypocritical to draw attention to your own generosity? What does it say about us when we make sure others know our innate goodness? Do we ever need to prove our goodness to God? Who has already created our righteousness and demonstrated it? (2 Corinthians 5:21)
- B. What reward do we receive for our righteousness? (1 Corinthians 3:10-15) Upon what foundation are you building now? Is your foundation in any way to prove your righteousness? How can you know?
- C. Why is it hypocritical to ensure others see our piety and devotion to God? How do we reconcile this perspective with the Biblical command to share our faith with others? (1 Peter 3:15) What does pointing to Jesus look like and how does it appear different than pointing to ourselves?
- D. How is your prayer life? Are you praying often in secret? Have you set aside a time for daily prayer with Jesus?

4. Next Step: Find an opportunity to share your faith in Jesus with someone this week by simply asking "How can I pray for you?" Let your group know how, when and for whom you prayed.

5. Pray Together