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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,

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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.

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Guard your heart and mind your motivations lest you lose the Father's reward

Matt 5:16; Prov 4:23; Jer 17:9; Is 64:6; Matt 6:19-21

When You Give

Charity is expected from those who claim Christ

Dt 15:7-8, 24:19-22;

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The motivation and “reward” of those living for their own glory

Matt 25:5-7; Mark 12:38-40; Luke 11:43

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1 Chron 28:9; Prov 15:3; Heb 4:13; Jer 17:10;

Beware

Who are you living to impress?

Whose glory matters most?

When you give

Giving to the needy continues to be a practice of righteousness.

Are you practicing? Do your time, talents and treasure reflect this?

Guard against hypocrisy

Are the same person when no one is watching?