

Discussion questions – Matt 6: 1-4

1. When you realized that our message this morning was going to be on giving did you have any negative thoughts or did you maybe think to yourself “ughh”? If so why do you think that is?
2. Thinking about improper motives which ones on the list have you had experience with, either personally or maybe you were the one given to and were expected to give a reward?
 - We give out of a sense of duty
 - Our reward is a clean conscience or a sense of accomplishment
 - We give out of self-interest
 - Our reward is a tax write off or some type of recognition
 - We give to feel superior
 - Our reward is maintaining our perceived place in society
 - We give out of compulsion
 - Our reward is the rush, almost like a drug
3. Why does Jesus tell us to give in secret when previously we’ve been instructed to let our light shine before men?
4. When you think about the reward that The Father gives what do you typically think about? Is it a tangible reward now or maybe some type of eternal reward?
5. Reading about the Macedonian’s giving in 2 Cor. 8, how does that alter or expand your idea of reward?
6. What does it mean to be rewarded in your giving rather than rewarded because of your giving?