

When you give... (Matthew 6:2)
 When you pray... (Matthew 6:5)
 When you fast... (Matthew 6:16)

(Matthew 6:19-21) Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

MISCONCEPTION

When I give, pray and fast, I _____ God's favor.

TRUTH

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(Romans 5:1-2) Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we have peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us. Because of our faith, Christ has brought us into this place of undeserved privilege where we now stand, and we confidently and joyfully look forward to sharing God's glory.

MISCONCEPTION

How much I give, how long I pray and what I fast, changes _____ toward me.

TRUTH

How much I give, how long I pray and what I fast, does not change God's heart toward me; each change _____ toward Him.

MISCONCEPTION

Giving, praying and fasting are _____ God places on me.

TRUTH

Giving, praying and fasting are gracious _____ God gives me, for my good.

(Matthew 6:1 NLT) Watch out! Don't do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others, for you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven.

What is the reward?

- ✓ Deeper _____ with the Father, by His Spirit.
- ✓ Greater _____ to Christ, by His Spirit.

When you give, pray and fast...

do so _____, _____, and _____.

(Luke 11:5-13) Then, teaching them more about prayer, he used this story: "Suppose you went to a friend's house at midnight, wanting to borrow three loaves of bread. You say to him, 'A friend of mine has just arrived for a visit, and I have nothing for him to eat.' And suppose he calls out from his bedroom, 'Don't bother me. The door is locked for the night, and my family and I are all in bed. I can't help you.' But I tell you this—though he won't do it for friendship's sake, if you keep knocking long enough, he will get up and give you whatever you need because of your shameless persistence. "And so I tell you, keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. "You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him."

When you give, you're saying:

"Father, I _____ more than my possessions."

When you fast, you're saying:

"Father, I _____ more than food."

When we pray, you're saying:

"Father, I _____ more than myself."