

2025_3_16 Matt 6v1-4

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3. So whenever you give to the poor, don't sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be applauded by people.

4. Truly I tell you, they have their reward. But when you give to the poor, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,

5. so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Matthew 6v1-4 (CSB)

6. The problem is the human desire for approval from the wrong sources.

7. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5v16 (CSB)

8. Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. Otherwise, you have no reward with your Father in heaven.

Matthew 6v1 (CSB)

9. The practice of generosity reveals your heart's true intentions.

10. So whenever you give to the poor, don't sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be applauded by people. Truly I tell you, they have their reward.

Matthew 6v2 (CSB)

11. Jesus' invitation to all disciples is to give with the right heart.

12. But when you give to the poor, don't 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.

Matthew 6v3-4 (CSB)

13. We are called not give self-consciously, but unself-consciously.

14. The motivation and intention of your giving is what matters to Jesus.

15. The heart's three motivations when giving:

- Seek the praise of others
- Preserve our anonymity but secretly "pat ourselves on the back"
- We desire only the approval of our Father

16. Motivations for Generosity

Me-centric v. God-centric

17. The journey of God-centric generosity:

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