

THE DANGER OF DOING A RIGHT THING WRONG
Matthew 6:1-4

How we mess up a good thing like giving:

1. We do it for the wrong reason

Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people... (1)

2. We do it for the wrong person

Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them... (1)

3. We do it with the wrong motive

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. (1)

The better way to give:

1. Give consistently

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. (2)

2. Give cheerfully

But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, (3)

3. Give privately

so that your giving may be in secret. (4)

4. Give generously

And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. (4)