

On the Mount, Part 5: Rewarded in the Secret Place
– *Where is Your Treasure?*

(Matthew 6:1-6; 16-24)

I. Introduction:

- The teachings of Jesus, found in the Sermon on the Mount, is a guide to living a life of grace, righteousness, and love.

II. God's Sustaining Grace in Righteous Acts:

Matthew 6:1: "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them."

- Our righteous acts are a means to radiate God's love and illuminate the path to Him.
- Righteous acts, infused with God's grace, are not a burden but a channel for His love.

III. Grace in Secret Giving:

Matthew 6:2-4: "When you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets."

- Understand that secret giving is a profound act of service and love for God.
- Recognize that grace sustains our charitable endeavors and makes them an offering to God.

IV. Secret Prayer and the Grace of Intimacy:

Matthew 6:5-6: "When you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place."

- Embrace the grace that transforms our secret prayers into intimate conversations with the Divine.
- Secret prayer is an expression of our profound connection with God, guided by His grace.

V. Grace in Secret Fasting:

Matthew 6:16-18: "When you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites."

- Recognize that secret fasting is a journey of self-surrender and spiritual growth.

- Understand that grace sustains our fasting, making it a transformative experience.
- Secret fasting deepens our spiritual connection with God.

VI. Treasures in Heaven: Grace's Eternal Investment:

Matthew 6:19-21: "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth."

- Embrace grace over self-justification in prioritizing eternal values.
- Realize that material possessions are fleeting, while treasures in heaven are eternal.
- Let God's grace anchor your pursuit of true wealth in God's kingdom.

VII. The Clear Eye of Grace:

Matthew 6:22: "The eye is the lamp of the body."

- Embrace grace as the illuminating force that guides your vision.
- See the world through the lens of God's boundless love and timeless truth.
- Clarity of vision is empowered by the grace that flows through you.

VIII. Serving God and Wealth: Grace's Masterful Choice:

Matthew 6:24: "No one can serve two masters."

- Recognize that true riches are found in God's grace and the blessings of His kingdom.
- Choose grace over self-justification and commit to serving God with unwavering devotion.

IX. Conclusion:

- Practical takeaways for daily life:
 - Practice Acts of Righteousness with Sincerity.
 - Deepen Your Secret Spiritual Life.
 - Invest in Eternal Treasures.
- Let God's grace permeate every aspect of your life.
- Your life as a living testimony to the profound and sustaining power of God's grace.