



RESILIENT

Secret Giving

Matthew 6:1-4



Baptisms

- Class - September 22
- During Service - October 20





Matthew 6:1

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In our giving, Jesus instructs us
with a counter-intuitive
motivation that results in an
incomparably greater reward.



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Matthew 6 Structure

Verse 1 - Warning regarding motivation for spiritual practices.

Verses 2-4 | **GENEROSITY**: Human-praised vs. Father-rewarded

Verse 5-6 | **PRAYER** Human-seen vs. Father-rewarded

Verse 7-15 | **PRAYER** The Lord's Prayer

Verse 16-18 | **FASTING** Human-seen vs. Father-rewarded



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1. Warning regarding motivation for spiritual practices (Verse 1)
2. Warning: how not to give charitably (Verse 2)
3. Instruction + Promise: how to give charitably! (Verse 3-4)



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- IS against doing a spiritual practice intending to impress others



Matthew 23:5-7

[The scribes and the Pharisees] do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi by others.



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Matthew 6:2



Old Testament: Giving to the Needy

“If among you, one of your brothers should become poor...you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be.”

Deuteronomy 15:7-8



Old Testament: Giving to the Needy

Whoever is generous to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will repay him for his deed.

Proverbs 19:17



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Modern Definition of Hypocrite

as in liar: a person who acts in contradiction to his or her stated opinions.

*according to Merriam-Webster



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What Jesus meant by Hypocrite

- Word itself: Masked Greek stage actor
- Religious Acting
- Doing the right thing for the wrong motive





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“...you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.”

Matthew 23:23



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- Derive motivation, meditating upon a better reward