

The Practice of Giving

Matthew 6:1-4

1. Guard against hypocrisy.

A. Resist the chance of giving hypocritically.

Matthew 6:1a | ¹ “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them,

Matthew 6:2 | ² 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.

B. Realize the consequence of giving hypocritically.

Matthew 6:1b | ^{1b} for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

2. Give with the right motivation.

A. Give from a pure heart.

Matthew 6:3 | ³ But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,

B. Give without public recognition.

Matthew 6:4a | ⁴ so that your giving may be in secret.

C. Give for the purpose of glorifying God.

Matthew 6:4b | ^{4b} And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.