

Sermon Outline

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“Giving with a Right Heart”
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Matthew 6:1-4

Introduction

1. Pay Attention to “the Heart” of Practicing Your Faith (v. 1)

- A. Be careful not to do the *right* thing (giving, praying, fasting) in the *wrong* way: for the purpose of being seen by others.
 - i. No contradiction with Matt. 5:16; different motives.
- B. The consequence of doing the right thing in the wrong way: no reward from God.

2. The Wrong Way to Give (v. 2)

- A. Almsgiving (lit. “practicing mercy”, NIV: “giving to the needy”) – an expected “religious duty” and commanded in the Old Testament (Deut. 15:11)
- B. The wrong way to do a right thing
 - i. Draw attention to ourselves
 - ii. Be praised by people (Jn. 5:44; 12:43)
- C. The consequence of doing the right thing (giving) in the wrong way: human praise; no reward from God.

3. The Right Way to Give (vv. 3-4)

A. “Don’t let your left hand know what your right hand is doing”

i. Ignorance (Jonah 4:11)

ii. Avoid “telling” ourselves; don’t dwell on it, forget about it.

1. Don’t be arrogant, all that we have is from God (1 Tim. 6:17-18)

B. Give “in secret”

i. The consequence of doing the right thing (giving) in the right way: God will reward you!

****“Heart Check” Questions****

- *Why* do I do what I do?
- Do I practice my faith to gain the applause of *people* or to glorify *God*?
- What are the areas that you are most tempted to “*show off*” to others spiritually?
- Am I prone to “*self-congratulation*?”
- What *heart problem* do you need to confess to God and turn from?

*** Do the Right Thing, in the Right Way (with the Right Heart) ***

What’s Next?

- September 6, “*Praying with a Right Heart*” – Matthew 6:5-8, Pastor Kris Neider
- September 13, “*The Lord’s Prayer (Pt. 1)*” – Matthew 6:9-10, Pastor Luke Young