

The Right Motive for Giving

Mathew 06:01–04

1. *The acts of righteousness – doing good and giving*

- a. The warning:
Do not seek recognition
- b. The reason:
God will not reward

2. *The wrong motive: Giving for recognition*

- a. The fact:
Is characteristic of hypocrites
- b. The reward:
Recognition by men only

3. *The right motive: Giving unconsciously, quietly, privately and secretly*

- a. Because God sees all secrets
- b. Because God will reward the private giver

1 “Be careful not to do your ‘acts of righteousness’ before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

2 “So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.

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

4 So that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

The Right Motive for Prayer

Mathew 06:05–06

1. *The wrong motive:*
Praying to be seen by men

- a. The place:
Loving to pray in the
synagogue and in the streets
- b. The reason:
For recognition,
to be seen as holy
- c. The reward:
People's esteem

2. *The right motive:*
Praying to be heard by God

- a. The location:
In one's private place
- b. The reason:
God is in one's secret
or private place
- c. The reward:
Will be heard
and blessed by God

5 “And when you pray,
do not be like the hypocrites,
for they love to pray
standing in the synagogues
and on the street corners
to be seen by men.
I tell you the truth,
they have received their reward in full.

6 But when you pray,
go into your room,
close the door
and pray to your Father,
who is unseen.
Then your Father,
who sees what is done in secret,
will reward you.

The Right Motive for Fasting

Mathew 06:16–18

1. *The wrong way to fast*

- a. Fasting as a hypocrite
- b. Fasting for recognition
- c. The reward:
To receive only human recognition and esteem

16 “When you fast,
do not look somber as the hypocrites do,
for they disfigure their faces
to show men they are fasting.
I tell you the truth,
they have received their reward in full.

2. *The right way to fast*

- a. Fasting as a duty
- b. Fasting without notice
- c. Fasting for God alone
- d. The reward:
God will reward the person
who sincerely fasts in secret

17 But when you fast,
put oil on your head
and wash your face,

18 So that it will not be obvious to men
that you are fasting,
but only to your Father,
who is unseen;
and your Father,
who sees what is done in secret,
will reward you.