



The Sermon on the Mount-Matthew 6:1-4 Giving to the Needy

- From this message, has the Holy Spirit brought to mind anything specifically that you would like to give to or serve in, particularly with others not knowing?
- How do we come to terms with Jesus' teachings that seem to contradict each other? Specifically here, allowing others to see our good works yet also not doing them just to be seen by others?
- Assumption #1-You will be generous. Are you marked by generosity, seeking to honor Christ in how you give? Giving your money and possessions away is a step of faith in God.
- Assumption #2-God's reward is inevitable. Do you believe that you will be rewarded for your good works done in the name of Jesus? How is this evidenced in your life?
- Assumption #3-God sees everything. How does God's presence in your life motivate you to live for eternity when everything inside of you wants to be self-centered?
- Who's admiration matters? Where do you find yourself consumed with the praise of man? This may not be immediately clear to you, but seek God about this and get a trusted Christian friend involved.
- Who gets the credit? Consciously think as you serve this Summer, how can God get the credit from my serving?
- As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen. 1 Peter 4:10-11
- We are all be nature self-righteous. If you don't see this clearly you have a bigger problem. Show what you are tempted to hide, hide what you are tempted to show. -F.F. Bruce