

Kingdom Living: Give in Secret

Sunday, October 11th

Read: Matthew 6:1-4

1. In 6:1 Jesus offers a warning. What does he warn against doing? Have you ever observed someone doing what Jesus warns against? (explain)
2. What sorts of actions do you suppose qualify as “acts of righteousness”?
3. Can you remember imploring your parents to watch you do something when you were a child? How does it feel to know that God is watching you, that he takes notice of you?
4. In v.2 Jesus describes the wrong way to give. How is it that they are doing it wrong? Why does Jesus call them “hypocrites”?
5. In v.3 Jesus describes the right way to give. What does it mean to make sure that your left hand doesn’t know what your right hand is doing? How can you make sure to do this?
6. In v.4 Jesus mentions that our heavenly Father will see what is done in secret. How can we reconcile Jesus’ teaching from 6:1-4 with his command in 5:16 to “*let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven*”?
7. Does Jesus teach that we receive no reward if we perform our acts of righteousness for others? If not, what kind of reward will we receive? How do you suppose that reward compares to the reward our Father has in store for us when we give in the right way?
8. What are some practical ways that you can give to help those who are poor and needy as Jesus has instructed you?