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It's A Secret

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Watch out! Don't do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others, for you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven. ² When you give to someone in need, don't do as the hypocrites do—blowing trumpets in the synagogues and streets to call attention to their acts of charity! I tell you the truth, they have received all the reward they will ever get. ³ But when you give to someone in need, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. ⁴ Give your gifts in private, and your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.



Matthew 6:1-18

⁵ “When you pray, don’t be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. ⁶

But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

⁷ “When you pray, don’t babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again.



Matthew 6:1-18

⁸ Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him! ⁹ Pray like this:

Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy.

¹⁰ May your Kingdom come soon. May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven.

¹¹ Give us today the food we need, ¹² and forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us.

¹³ And don't let us yield to temptation, but rescue us from the evil one.



Matthew 6:1-18

¹⁴ “If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins. ¹⁶ “And when you fast, don’t make it obvious, as the hypocrites do, for they try to look miserable and disheveled so people will admire them for their fasting. I tell you the truth, that is the only reward they will ever get. ¹⁷ But when you fast, comb your hair and wash your face. ¹⁸ Then no one will notice that you are fasting, except your Father, who knows what you do in private. And your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.





Matthew 5:16

In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.



(v. 4) Give your gifts in private

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...and pray to your Father in private***

***(v. 17-18) But when you fast, comb your hair
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Giving

Matthew 6:1-8

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Giving

***To be generous was to be righteous;
to be righteous was to be generous.***



Giving

Matthew 6:2

When you give to someone in need, don't do as the hypocrites do—blowing trumpets in the synagogues and streets to call attention to their acts of charity! I tell you the truth, they have received all the reward they will ever get.



Giving

Matthew 6:3

But when you give to someone in need, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.



Giving

You're never too poor to give.

Giving is to be sacrificial.



Giving

"If our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, I should say they are too small. There ought to be things we should like to do and cannot do because our charitable expenditure excludes them."

CS Lewis



Giving

You're never too poor to give.

Giving is to be sacrificial.

Giving is to be self-determined.



Giving

2 Corinthians 9:7

You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."



Prayer

Matthew 6:5

“When you pray, don’t be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get.



Prayer

The purpose of prayer is not to impress others with your own spirituality; the purpose of prayer is to connect with God.



Prayer

Prayer is not about being eloquent, it's about sharing privately what is in your heart.



Prayer

Matthew 6:6-7

But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you. When you pray, don't babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again.



Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

Our Father in heaven, may your name be kept holy. ¹⁰

May your Kingdom come soon.

May your will be done on earth, as it is in heaven. ¹¹

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Prayer

Begin with Praise and Adoration.

Pray for God's will in your life, and throughout the world.

Pray for your needs and the needs of others.

Pray for forgiveness of your sins, and the ability to forgive others.

Pray for strength to live a holy life.



Prayer

You don't impress God with your lofty words; you impress him with the attitude of your heart.



Fasting

Matthew 6:16-18

And when you fast, don't make it obvious, as the hypocrites do, for they try to look miserable and disheveled so people will admire them for their fasting. I tell you the truth, that is the only reward they will ever get. ¹⁷ But when you fast, comb your hair and wash your face. ¹⁸ Then no one will notice that you are fasting, except your Father, who knows what you do in private. And your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.



Fasting

Fasting teaches self-discipline.

Fasting proves that we mean business.

Fasting helps us straighten out our priorities.

Fasting is always linked with prayer.



***We don't have to broadcast
every good thing we do.***

