



Bible Study Questions

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Discussion Starter

Are you someone who likes to give gifts or receive them?

What is the best gift someone (not Jesus) has given you?

Read & Reflect

In these verses, Jesus challenges His disciples to examine their motives behind their actions.

Jesus contrasts the behaviour of the religious leaders of His time, the Pharisees, who performed acts of righteousness publicly to gain recognition, with the humility and secrecy that God desires. The focus is not only on the outward action but also on the condition of the heart.

Read Matthew 6:1-4

- What stands out to you, or what do you notice?
- What questions are raised for you?
- What challenges you?

Questions

1. In Matthew 5:13-16, Jesus called us to “let our light shine before others”, In Mathew 6 we are warned not “to practice our acts of righteousness in front of others...”.
 - a. What is the difference between being a light, and acts of righteousness?
 - b. Why should we do one and not the other?
2. What do think Jesus meant by ‘rewards’ in Matthew 6:1 & 6:4?
3. Who are the “hypocrites” Jesus refers to, and what does it mean to be a “hypocrite” today? Why does Jesus warn us about being a “hypocrite”?
4. Read Acts 4:32 - 5:11. What are the differences and similarities between Matthew 6:1-4 and Acts 4:32 – 5:11 in terms of giving?

Application

Consider the ways God rewards us. How can focusing on eternal rewards shape your actions and decisions today?

Jesus assumes that a disciple would give, he said; “so when you give...” (Matthew 6:2). According to 2 Corinthians 9:6 – 8, how should we approach giving? When was the last time you reflected on your giving to God’s work?