

What Jesus Says About Motive
Taking Jesus At His Word, Pt. 5
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“A Question of Motive”

“Beware of doing the right thing for the _____ reasons.”

1. If you _____ to Be Seen Of Men – You Have Your Reward.

The Wrong Way to Give

Matthew 6:1 “Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. 2. Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.” (ESV)

The Right Way To Give

Matthew 6:3 “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. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.” (ESV)

Misconceptions concerning rewards. There is a misconception that many Christians hold to, that we should never be _____ by reward.

But we’re not supposed to think about it.

“It must be better to do good works without expecting any reward even from God!”

Hebrews 11:24 “By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter, 25. choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. 26. He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward.” (ESV)

2. If You _____ To Be Seen Of Men – You Have Your Reward.

The Wrong Way to Pray

Matthew 6:5 “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.” (ESV)

The Right Way To Pray

Matthew 6:6 “But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you. 7. And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.” (ESV)

3. If You _____ To Be Seen of Men – You Have Your Reward.

The Wrong Way To Fast

Matthew 6:16 “And when you fast, do not look gloomy like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces that their fasting may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.” (ESV)

The Right Way To Fast

Matthew 6:17 “But when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, 18. that your fasting may not be seen by others but by your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.” (ESV)

Why do we do the things that we do?