

Our Heart Motive

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Matthew 6:1-4

1 "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

2 "So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. 3But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

To be seen by them
Matthew 5:16 & 6:1
"When"
"Hypocrites"
"Reward"
"Secret"
Motivation

"Jesus expects us to practice 'acts of righteousness.' He does not advocate this in order to earn entrance to the kingdom of heaven or to achieve advanced standing with the Father, but these acts are intentional ways of conforming the external expression of our lives to the inner work of God in our hearts." Wilkins, M. J. <u>Matthew</u> (2004).