

**“When You Give”
Matthew 6:1-4
Sunday, August 17, 2025**

Stewardship – *“Is one that manages, or has oversight over the affairs of another; he does not own that which he has been entrusted with, but manages it as if it is his own.”*

There are at least **2,350 passages** in the Bible dealing with money and material possessions. That’s more than on any other subject.

Of **38 Parables of Jesus**, 12 have to do with money, **God given resources. Our use of material goods.**

In the four gospels, one out of every eight verses speaks of money.

The Epistle to the Philippians is a thank-you note for giving an offering.
2 Corinthians has 2 chapters dedicated to giving **2 Corinthians 8-9**

Matthew 6:1-18 The Christian’s Devotion Before God:

1. Christian and Giving – Verses - 1-4
2. Christian and Prayer – Verses - 5-15
3. Christian and Fasting – Verses - 16-18

Jesus is coming against the hypocrisy of the religious leaders’ devotion to God.
Hypocrisy is referred to three times:

1. Hypocrisy in Giving – Verse 2
2. Hypocrisy in Praying – Verse 5
3. Hypocrisy in Fasting – Verse 16

Thought Of Our Passage: “If Our Giving Is Not God Centered, It Can Result In A Show In Which There Will Be No Reward.”

- 1. Verse 1 Warning To Givers:**
- 2. Verse 2 Motive For Giving:**
- 3. Verses 3-4 Approach To Giving:**

1. Verse 1 Warning To Givers:

Matthew 6:1 "Beware – *“to bring near, to turn the mind to, to be attentive.* Jesus is speaking to disciples. **Disciple** - is *“a follower of the teacher and His teaching.”*

of practicing your righteousness - speaks of outward righteous deeds – The term **alms** that is used by the **(KJV)** instead of **righteousness** limits our deeds to just giving, but includes much more than giving.

Matthew 6:1 The Key Verse of this section:

Jesus is speaking about our devotion - Our righteousness that is unto the Lord, which includes: Our **Giving** **Praying** ... **Fasting** **1 John 2:29**

practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them;
"seen by, to gaze at, to look at" Literally "show"

There Appears To Be An Apparent Contradiction To What Jesus Previously Said: Matthew 5:16

This passage was speaking about the influence of the Christian.
The character of Jesus Christ, that is the nature of the child of God.
The Christian is not to hide his light of God's presence in his life.

Matthew 5:15

otherwise you have no reward

The Bible teaches rewards to the faithful child of God. **Matthew 6:4**

2 Corinthians 5:10; Colossians 3:23-24

with your Father who is in heaven.

"Your Father" is repeated **nine times:**

Verses - 1,4, 6, 8, 14, 15, 18 intimate relationship with God - Him alone

The Source of Charity Is A New Birth:

It is out of a relationship with Jesus that we live this new life and charity.
Not giving means we have a heart problem!

God Taught Israel To Be Charitable And Compassionate Towards The Poor. Psalm 41:1; Proverbs 19:17; Proverbs 29:7

"Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven."

2. Verse 2 Motive For Giving:

Matthew 6:2 "So when you give to the poor,

He does not say, **"So if you give to the poor"**

But **"So when you give to the poor!"** The child of God is going to give.

This passage speaks of general giving!

give to the poor,

alms – means *"a deed of mercy or pity"*

The Bible does not separate righteousness from generosity.

Deuteronomy 15:11

Giving Starts With Being Given To God:

This is where we begin. It is our relationship to God.

1, 2 Corinthians speak about the giving of the believers of **Philippi**.

This was a church that was a model of Christian giving. They loved the apostle Paul, and when he left them to go to **Thessalonica**, he was in need, so they sent an offering to him. Later on, he was in need, so they did it again. **Philippians 4:16-17**

During Paul's second missionary journey, he let them know about the suffering believers in Jerusalem. Later, Paul wrote of this event in **Galatians 2:10**

2 Corinthians 8:1-5

Giving Is An Act Of Worship!

**Don't Blow Your Own Horn About Your Giving:
do not sound a trumpet before you,**

as the hypocrites – *"actors, one who plays a part"*
Literally *"to speak from underneath"*

It came from the Greek play actors who would wear masks

do in the synagogues and in the streets,

We don't know if the trumpet was really blown in the synagogues or the streets.

so that they may be honored by men.

When our focus is to be that of people, we will receive all that man has to offer.

**God Is Concerned About Attitudes (The Heart) and Actions:
Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.**

Reward in full - technical term meaning *"payment in full, to give a receipt"*
Completely paid for

Man's praise is all we will receive.

We are not giving but buying (Buying praise!), and we got what we paid for.

We Must Be Spiritual In Our Giving: Galatians 6:7-8

Note the context of this passage, which is speaking about spiritual giving.

Galatians 6:6

Galatians 6:7-8 Paul is saying that sowing to the flesh is spending all your resources on yourself, (Flesh) sows to his own flesh shall from the flesh reap corruption,

Luke 6:38

3. Verses 3-4 Approach To Giving:

Matthew 6:3 "But when you give to the poor,

We as followers of God are not to be like them, (Hypocrites)

**Don't Be Self-Conscious About Your Giving:
do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing**

Don't be self-conscious about your giving -

**One said, "Beware lest an act of mercy becomes an act of vanity!
That the motive be not the benefit of the person receiving but our benefit
who gave it."**

Matthew 6:4 so that your giving will be in secret;

Secret because it is done only for Him to see.

and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

What a promise this is to us. God sees our hearts, our motives and will repay us.

Our Giving Is To Be Sacrificial: 2 Corinthians 8:9

NT teaches "**Grace Giving**" The OT (Israel) was to **Tithe** – 10% along with other offerings they gave as much as 30% - 39% to God. **1 Corinthians 16:2**

Should we at least start with 10%?

God needs to be first! Not after everything has been paid, but right off the top, it is His non-negotiable. God challenges man to test Him, in giving - **Malachi 3:10**

Application:

1. Giving Is Not A One Time Gift, Nor An Occasional Gift, But A Lifestyle. When God Has Our Heart, He Also Has Our Wallet.
2. When Instruction On Giving Is Presented Biblically, No Christian Should Ever Be Resentful. Being Resentful Reveals A Heart Issue.
3. Am I Giving To God What Is Rightfully His? **Matthew 22:21**
4. Tithing Is An Old Testament Teaching For Israel. The Christian Is Under Grace. Because Of Grace The Believer Is Liberated And Can Give Beyond The OT Giver.