

HYPOCRISY IN GIVING  
(Matthew 6:1-4)

- I. The General WARNING (Matt. 6:1; cf. 5:16)
  - A. The practice of SUPERFICIAL piety
    - 1. A CONSTANT temptation
    - 2. A problem of MOTIVE: to be NOTICED by MEN
  - B. The expectation of TEMPORAL reward
    - 1. PAYMENT is the PRAISE of men
    - 2. Earns no MERIT from God
  
- II. Concerning HYPOCRITICAL Giving (Matt. 6:2)
  - A. Its PRACTICE
    - 1. EXPECTS you to do this
    - 2. CONDEMNS personal ostentation
    - 3. Accuses those who do so of HYPOCRISY
      - a. Can be a unbeliever PRETENDING FAITH
      - b. Can be a believer HIDING SIN
  - B. Its REWARD

1. Mistakenly assumed it would EARN MERIT
2. Actually earns only the HONOR of MEN

### III. Concerning SINCERE Giving (Matt. 6:3-4)

#### A. Its PRACTICE

1. EXPECTS you to do this
2. Should be NORMAL to your life's ROUTINE
3. Should be STEALTHY enough to go UNNOTICED
4. The issue is your MOTIVE

#### B. Scriptural principles for SINCERE giving

1. It is INVESTING with GOD (Lk. 6:38; 2 Cor. 9:6)
2. It is to be SACRIFICIAL (Mk. 12:41-44)
3. It is a UNIVERSAL responsibility, regardless of WEALTH (Lk. 16:10)
4. It correlates to SPIRITUAL blessings (Lk. 16:11-12)
5. It is to be PERSONALLY determined (2 Cor. 9:7)
6. It is to be in response to NEED (Jms. 2:15-16)
7. It demonstrates LOVE, not LAW (Phil. 2:3-4)

#### C. Its REWARD

1. It is SEEN by the FATHER
2. It will be an appropriate GIFT from the FATHER