

AN AUDIENCE OF ONE

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¹ “Be careful not to do your ‘acts of righteousness’ before men, 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 men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.

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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. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

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⁵ “And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

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¹⁶ “When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. ¹⁷ But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, ¹⁸ so that it will not be obvious to men that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Are You A “Pretender?”

Hypocrisy

Private life isn't consistent with Public Life

When you give-“do not announce it with trumpets... as the hypocrites do” (6:2)

“when you pray...you must not be like the hypocrites” (6:5)

When you fast -“do not look gloomy like the hypocrites.” (6:16)

What is Your Motive?

Reward

Self glory vs. God's glory

Impress others vs pleasing our heavenly Father.

“Be careful not to do your ‘acts of righteousness’ before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. (Mat 6:1)

Who is Your Audience?

Secret

Practicing your righteousness before your Heavenly Father.

Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. (6:4)

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How are you living?

- **Are you a pretender?** Does your private life match your public life?
- **What is your motive?** Impress others or pleasing your Heavenly Father?
- **Who is your audience?**