



HOUSE GROUPS

HOUSE Groups: Discussion Questions:

Matthew 6:1-4

(Memory Verse)

Matthew 6:4 NKJV *"that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.*

(Matthew 6:1): 1 "Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

Question: What is it about being recognized for doing something good that is so appealing?

Question: Do you find that doing good is more difficult when there isn't anyone noticing you, or appreciating you? Why?

Question: What can we do when we are doing good things that please the Lord, but are getting very discouraged?

Question: Motive is an extremely important factor to the Lord. What practical ways can we make sure that we have no ulterior motives when doing good for the Lord?

(Matthew 6:2): 2 "Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

Question: What would be the purpose of sounding a trumpet when doing something good?

Question: How does seeking glory for the good that you have done diminish God receiving all of the glory that He is worthy of?

READ: *1 Corinthians 10:31*

Question: How do earthly rewards and heavenly rewards differ?

Question: How can being motivated by receiving the praise of men actually hinder your relationship with the Lord, and entrap you?

READ: *Proverbs 29:25*

Key Point: *You alone noticing yourself do a good deed is enough of an audience as far as God is concerned.*

(Matthew 6:3-4): **3** "But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, **4** "that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

Question: What are some examples of doing charitable deeds in secret?

Question: Why do you believe it is that Jesus placed such an emphasis upon the condition of a person's heart behind their actions?

Question: If we do receive recognition for the good things that we have done, what are some practical tips for giving all the glory to the Lord?

Question: How does giving all the glory to the Lord guard us against personal pride, and allow us future opportunities to be used by the Lord?