



Jesus is addressing **HEART MOTIVES** against **EXTERNAL ACTIONS**.

Matthew 5:48 (CSB)
"Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect."

Matthew 6:1-4 (CSB)
"Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. Otherwise, you have no reward with your Father in heaven. ²So whenever you give to the poor, don't sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be applauded by people. Truly I tell you, they have their reward. ³But when you give to the poor, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

Matthew 6:1 (CSB)
"Be careful **not to practice your righteousness in front of others TO** be seen by them. Otherwise, you have no reward with your Father in heaven."

 **How often do we crave attention for the good things we do?**

Matthew 6:2 (CSB)

"So whenever you give to the poor, don't sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be applauded by people. Truly I tell you, they have their reward."



True hearts to serve God, need no trumpet.

Matthew 5:16 (CSB)

"In the same way, **let your light shine** before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

Followers of Jesus should be seen doing good works absolutely, but they must not do good works simply to be seen.


Matthew 6:3-4 (CSB)

"³ But when you give to the poor, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, ⁴so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."



“Keep the thing so secret that even you yourself are hardly aware that you are doing anything at all praiseworthy. Let God be present, and you will have enough of an audience.”

- Charles Spurgeon



Are you giving for the benefit of others seeing, or are you practicing SECRET GIVING?