

#680 Audience of One (Matthew 6:1-4)

Humans are approval seeking _____.

Jesus acknowledges that you will give to the needy, pray and fast. He then cautions you to make sure your _____ are right in doing so.

A hypocrite is a person who _____ to have virtues, moral or religious beliefs, principles, etc., that he or she does not actually possess.

You want to avoid your giving to the poor to be _____ by your desire to gain favor with God, or to gain attention from men.

To live for the praise of _____ is a foolish thing because the glory of man does not last.

Give so that your right hand won't even _____ what your left hand is giving.

Should you never let others know about your _____?

_____ in the early church knew that Barnabas had given the income from the sale of his land (Acts 4:34-37).

Peace comes when you do good and do not _____ about your reputation (for doing good) before others.

Discussion Questions

1. To what degree are you a "people-pleaser"? What is the upside and downside of being a people-pleaser?
2. Is peace always an indicator that a person is in the will of God? Why or why not?
3. Why is hypocritical behavior so repulsive? What is the antidote to being a hypocrite?
4. To what degree do you think your giving should be kept private? Explain.
5. Pray as the Holy Spirit leads for you to live for an audience of One.

Supporting Scriptures

1 Peter 1:24 For, "All people are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field; the grass withers and the flowers fall,"

Galatians 1:10 Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.