

Sound No Trumpet

Matt 6:1-4; John 12:42-43

I. Motivations for Righteousness

A. Jesus' principle: "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to _____." This applies to the sections of His sermon on...

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

→Do I want my Father to get glory for this or do I want people to see me?

B. Hypocrite- an _____ under an _____ character

1. Their deeds are real, but their _____ are false.
 - a. When they give to the needy, they _____.
 - b. When they pray, they _____.
 - c. When they fast, they _____.
2. Hypocrites do their righteous deeds that they may be _____ or _____ (*doxasthōsin*) by others.

C. God cares about our _____.

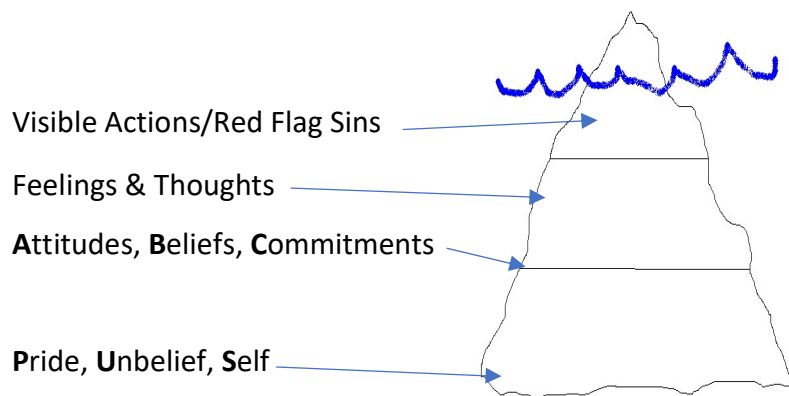
1. God is not satisfied with _____.
2. "The main thing between you and God is not so much your sins; it's your _____." ~John Gerstner
3. Some motives that make our good works "damnable":
 - a. To be _____ or praised by others
 - b. To build up our own _____
 - c. To get God to _____

→How might you "sound trumpets" or call attention to your good deeds, especially your giving?

D. The authorities wouldn't confess their belief in Jesus...

1. For _____ the Pharisees
2. So that they wouldn't be put out of the _____
3. For they loved the glory (*doxan*) _____ more than the glory _____

→In what situations do you see yourself preferring human glory over God's glory?



E. Consequences for choosing human glory

1. "Truly I say to you" = _____
2. Businessmen wrote "received their reward in full" to indicate that no _____.
3. You have to _____ between God's glory and human's glory.
4. "Those who cling to worthless idols _____ the grace that could be theirs."
Jonah 2:8

F. Glory that comes from God

1. Glory = doksa = what evokes good _____; inherent, intrinsic _____; weight
2. A few verses about glory from God:
 - a. Jn 17:22;
 - b. 2 Cor 3:18, 4:17;
 - c. 2 Thes 2:14;
 - d. Heb 2:10;
 - e. 1 Pt 5:4
3. God knows we need _____.
He just wants us to get it from _____, not from humans.

II. Giving to the Needy

A. How does Jesus want us to give to the poor?

1. In _____, concealed, private
2. For _____ and not our own
3. For the benefit of _____

→ What experiences have you had giving to the poor? What was the result—for them & for you?

B. Jesus _____ his listeners will give to the poor.

1. There are over _____ verses in the Bible on poverty and justice.
<https://sojo.net/list-some-more-2000verses-scripture-poverty-and-justice>
2. God _____ us to give to the poor. (ex: Deut 15:7-8)
3. Giving to the poor is part of _____. (ex: Ps 113:5-8)
4. The Church is often divided between those who emphasize- _____ and those who emphasize _____. Jesus demands both.
5. "If a person has grasped the meaning of God's grace in his heart, he will _____." ~Tim Keller

C. The Oath for Compassionate Service from *Toxic Charity* by Robert Lupton

1. Never do for the poor what they have (or could have) the capacity to do for themselves.
2. Limit one-way giving to emergency situations.
3. Strive to empower the poor through employment, lending, and investing, using grants sparingly to reinforce achievements.
4. Subordinate self-interests to the needs of those being served.
5. Listen closely to those you seek to help, especially to what is not being said—unspoken feelings may contain essential clues to effective service.
6. Above all, do no harm.

D. Practical Suggestions

1. Remember that you're not giving to get glory for yourself but for God.
2. The larger the gift, the more you should investigate its effectiveness.
3. If you don't have the time or ability to investigate, give to an organization that does.
4. Responding to beggars
 - a. Be safe. Bring someone with you or stay in public, well lighted places.
 - b. Approach people calmly and cautiously. Don't rush them.
 - c. Look people in the eye, get down on their level, treat them like people. Even when you have to say no.
 - d. Ask the person his name and pray for him.
 - e. Buy a meal for her. Eat with her if you can.
 - f. Have gift cards in your wallet ready to give (McDonald's, Starbucks, etc.).
 - g. Make homeless care kits to keep in your car
<https://foodlets.com/2017/12/15/what-to-put-in-care-packages-for-the-homeless/>
 - h. Don't force people to accept your gift.

Local organizations
Abel Works Bayshore Christian Ministries East Palo Alto Charter School New Creation Homes Project WeHOPE
Global organizations
Compassion Cru Inner City Habitat for Humanity International Justice Mission World Vision