

Title: Kingdom Provision

Text: Matthew 6:1-4

Target: To recognize the immediate daily tension of the underlying reasons of why we seek Jesus and why we choose to follow Him. Our hope is to move from the perspective of Christianity that begins with the idea of “what about me”, then settles for “what's in it for me” to know the reward of following Jesus “is not about me”.

I. **He Challenges our Mindset:** “Beware of practicing **your** righteousness before other people in **order to be seen** by them, for then you will have **no reward** from your Father who is in heaven.” (Vs. 1)

a. **Serving out of Righteousness:** “your”

b. **Striving for Recognition:** “order to be seen”

c. **Squandering our Reward:** “no reward”

II. **He Corrects our Motivation:** “Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no **trumpet** before you, as the **hypocrites** do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be **praised** by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.” (Vs. 2)

a. **Don't Broadcast it!** “sound no trumpet before you”

b. **Don't Broadway it!** “Hypocrites”

c. **Don't Billboard it!** “that they may be praised by others.”

III. **He Commands a/our Methodology:** “But **when you give** to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing (Vs. 3) so that your **giving may be in secret**. And **your** Father who **sees** in secret **will** reward you.” (Vs. 4)

a. **Live aware of the Need:** “But when you give”

b. **Look not to be Noticed:** “giving may be in secret”

c. **The LORD won't let you be Neglected:**

i. **Relationship is the Reward:** “your”

ii. **Recognition is the Reward:** “sees”

iii. **Revelation is the Reward:** “will”

Take Away: The pleasure of giving is found when we are not concerned in being recognized for giving, but instead in the knowing that we possess the right reason in why we are giving!
JESUS!