

Motives and Reward: Paying Attention to Your Secret Life with the Lord

I. How to pray and receive (Matthew 6:1-18)

- A. Our motives are at the heart of our relationship with Jesus. There is reward in engaging God's heart (Matthew 6:1).
- B. The reward of giving in secret (Matthew 6:2-4)
- C. Praying without religious show or manmade manipulation (Matthew 6:5-8)
- D. Activating the Lord's Prayer—freely forgiving others (Matthew 6:9-15)
- E. Without forgiveness we end up paying instead of receiving (Matthew 18:21-35).
- F. How fasting enhances prayer (Matthew 6:16-18)

II. How fear hinders reward (Matthew 6:19-34)

- A. Darkness in our walk with God (Matthew 6:19-23)
- B. Two masters (Matthew 6:24)
- C. The Father knows and cares about what you need (Matthew 6:25-32).
- D. A brave response: Go after God daily (Matthew 6:33-34)!

III. How to receive a full measure (Matthew 7:1-12)

- A. Repent of a judgmental, critical spirit. Our attitude toward others affects how much we receive from God (Matthew 7:1-5).
- B. A clear view of God as our Father is at the root of generosity and asking boldly (Matthew 7:7-12).

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