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GIVING



PRAYING



FASTING



**IF WHAT WE SEEK IS THE SHINE
OF THE SPOTLIGHT, THEN OUR
SAVIOR ISN'T CENTERSTAGE
(WE'VE REMOVED HIM FROM
HIS PROPER PLACE)**





WHO GETS THE **GLORY** FROM
THIS GOOD WORK
(IS IT **ME** OR IS IT **GOD**?)

MATTHEW 6:1-4





GIVING IS ASSUMED
[IT'S NOT OPTIONAL]
IT'S SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN





**OUR GIVING TO GOD IS
DIRECTLY RELATED TO
OUR GRATITUDE TO GOD**





GOD DOESN'T NEED OUR GIVING.
GOD SIMPLY ALLOWS US TO BE A
PART OF WHAT HE'S DOING.





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WHAT DOES MY GIVING REVEAL



MATTHEW 6:1

**WHO GETS THE GLORY,
GOD OR ME?**





MATTHEW 6:2

GIVING TO GOD HAD BECOME A
SPECTACLE – IT WAS FOR THE
ATTENTION AND APPLAUSE AND
ADMIRATION OF **MAN** NOT GOD





MATTHEW 6:3-4

THIS SPEAKS TO SOMEONE PRESENTLY INVOLVED IN GIVING. IT'S **BROADER** THAN JUST GIVING **FINANCIAL** ASSISTANCE, IT INCLUDES TIME, ABILITY AND OTHER RESOURCES





WHAT DID GOD GIVE US?

JOHN 3:16-18

ROMANS 8:32

JOHN 15:13





**GOD WILLINGLY GAVE HIS SON,
JESUS, GOD IN THE FLESH, TO
TAKE OUR PUNISHMENT AND TO
TAKE OUR PENALTY OF SIN!**





I JOHN 3:1-3

JAMES 1:16-17





**GOD HAS GIVEN US HIS SON
AND OUR GOOD GOD CONTINUES
TO BLESS US
(EVERYTHING GOOD COMES
FROM GOD)**





**ALL OF OUR GIVING HAS
TO **START** FROM THAT
KNOWLEDGE**

MATTHEW 6:25-34





**SEEK TO FOLLOW GOD, TO SERVE
HIM TO GLORIFY HIM FIRST
HOW WILL OTHERS KNOW WE ARE
CHILDREN OF GOD?
JOHN 13:34-35**





THINK ABOUT THE WIDOW'S MITE

MARK 12:41-44

NO ONE ELSE PROBABLY BATTED

AN EYE AT THE WIDOW'S GIFT





**BUT GOD, WHO KNOWS THE
HEART, KNOWS EXACTLY WHAT
THE VALUE OF WHAT THIS
POOR WIDOW GAVE!**

MATTHEW 6:3-4





WHAT YOU GIVE SHOULD
BE A **PRIVATE** MATTER,
BETWEEN YOU AND GOD





EVALUATION TIME





DO YOU RECOGNIZE WHAT

GOD'S GIVEN YOU?

IN RECIPROCATATION ARE WE GIVING

BACK TO GOD?

IS OUR GIVING TO GOD A PRIORITY

OR AN AFTERTHOUGHT?





II CORINTHIANS 9:6-7

GOD INVITES US TO **GIVE...** HE
INVITES US TO BE A **PART OF**
WHAT HE'S DOING

