

HAIL THE KING

THE SECRET LIFE OF CHRISTIANS



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MATTHEW 6:1-4

THE GOSPEL OF
MATTHEW

*What motivates me
to do good?*



The Secret Life of Christians:

1. Practiced righteousness
2. Proper motive
3. Precious reward



“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.”

-Matthew 6:1



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"If among you, one of your brothers should become poor, in any of your towns within your land that the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart or shut your hand against your poor brother, but you shall open your hand to him and lend him sufficient for his need, whatever it may be. Take care lest there be an unworthy thought in your heart and you say, 'The seventh year, the year of release is near,' and your eye look grudgingly on your poor brother, and you give him nothing, and he cry to the LORD against you, and you be guilty of sin.

-Deuteronomy 15:7-9



You shall give to him freely, and your heart shall not be grudging when you give to him, because for this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in all that you undertake. For there will never cease to be poor in the land. Therefore I command you, 'You shall open wide your hand to your brother, to the needy and to the poor, in your land.'

-Deuteronomy 15:10-11



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He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

-1 Peter 2:24a



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-Matthew 6:2a



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-Matthew 6:3-4a

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"The proper rewards are not simply tacked on to the activity for which they are given, but are the activity itself in consummation."

-C.S. Lewis



"The person who looks for reward, and who calculates that it is due to him, does not receive it; the person whose only motive is love, and who never thinks that he has deserved any reward, does, in fact, receive it."

-William Barclay



"What, then, is the 'reward' which the heavenly Father gives the secret giver? It is neither public nor necessarily future. It is probably the only reward which genuine love wants when making a gift to the needy, namely to see the need relieved. When through his gifts the hungry are fed, the naked clothed, the sick healed, the oppressed freed and the lost saved, the love which prompted the gift is satisfied. Such love (which is God's own love expressed through man) brings with it its own secret joys, and desires no other reward."

-John Stott



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