

## Daily Devotional, November 11, 2020

### 'Doing Good Deeds Quietly', (Matthew 6:3-4)

*“But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.”* (Matthew 6:3-4, NKJV)

This teaching of Jesus was set within the Sermon on the Mount, and is a kingdom principle. Followers of Christ ought to be doing charitable deeds, and this is taken for granted. The Lord says, “**when you do a charitable deed**”, and not if you do them. Then the phrase, “**do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.**” This is a metaphor which basically means not to deliberate about the deed too much, especially not to consider how you might somehow reap a benefit from it. Jesus gets at the motive, because God “**sees in secret.**” Doing good to our fellow man should be so ingrained in the Christian that the spiritual response is the default and automatic response. Such is a hallmark of a mature Christian.

What does this mean practically? Let us look at some examples.

1. A certain man gives much to many good causes, even Christian ones. He makes sure that other people know about it. He gets the reward he wants from men, but has displeased God.
2. A certain woman evaluates who she is going to help and how, considering God a little but her political career more. Her left hand is always consulted, and she too gets an earthly recognition, but displeases the Father.
3. A certain man covers various expenses of the ministry himself. Nobody ever finds out until than man graduates to heaven and the next in line realizes it. At the Bema Seat, he receives his reward from his Lord.
4. A certain woman encourages youths and leads many of them to the Lord. She has no official position in the church and has no high regard of any earthly authority. But God sees her work, and it will not go unrewarded.

When you do your good deeds, whether a service, a sacrifice of time, or a donation to support the work of the ministry, do it quietly. The recognition by men is a passing reward, but the recognition by the Father is an eternal reward.