

Let's Practice Jesus' Blessed Life!
Jesus' Sermon On The Mount Teaches Us How To Build Our Home Wisely

“When you give”

Matthew 6:1-4

A **DTR** meeting is a **D** _____ **T** _____ **R** _____ meeting.

When God calls us a **DTR** meeting with us, He talks about our _____.

“Be careful not to do your ‘acts of righteousness’ before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. “So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”

Jesus begins our **DTR** meeting by warning us about _____ .
V. 1

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Three “acts of righteousness”:

1. *“when you give”* v. 2
“your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.” v.4
2. *“when you pray”* v. 5
“your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.” v.6
3. *“when you fast”* v. 16
“your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.” v.18

How NOT to give.

1. *do not announce it with trumpets*
2. *as the hypocrites*

3. *to be honored by men.*

As he taught, Jesus said, “Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted in the marketplaces, and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. They devour widows’ houses and for a show make lengthy prayers. Such men will be punished most severely.” Mark 12:38–40

4. *I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.*

“We must not be troubled by unbelievers when they say that this promise of reward makes the Christian life a mercenary affair. There are different kinds of reward. There is the reward which has no natural connection with the things you do to earn it, and is quite foreign to the desires that ought to accompany those things. Money is not the natural reward of love; that is why we call a man a mercenary if he married a woman for the sake of her money. But marriage is the proper reward for a real lover, and he is not a mercenary for desiring it...the proper rewards are not simply tacked on to the activity for which they are given, but are the activity in consummation.”

C. S. Lewis, *The Weight of Glory*

How to give. Vs. 3, 4

But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

1. *in secret*

2. *Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.*

1 Corinthians 3:10-15; 2 Corinthians 5:9,10

Next Sunday: *When you pray* Matthew 6:5-15