

- I. Our *Father* wants us to *give*
- A. *That's* what *He* does
- B. Especially to the *needy*
- II. However, there are *wrong* and *right* reasons to *give*
- A. One *wrong* motive: to be *honored* by men
- B. The *right* way: keep your *left hand ignorant*
- III. Our Father *wants* to *reward* us
- A. He *can't* if we're not "*with Him*"
- B. When we're *with* Him, He will *reward* us

II Cor 5:21;
John 3:16-18a; 5:22-27
Matt 6:5-18

Rom 11:35-36; I Cor 4:7;
James 1:17; Lev 11:45
Matt 5:48

Prov 19:17; 29:7;
Ps 41:1; Matt 25:34-36;
James 1:27; Isa 58:6-12

I Cor 13:5;
Matt 5:3-7; 25:34-39;
II Cor 8:1-5

Ezek 8:1-18

Gen 15:1

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2. (Review) If God is making a family and is primarily our Father, how did He become a Judge also? Is He still a judge toward those who believe in His Son? (Can you support your answers?) What affect would a person’s answer to these questions have on his relationship with the Father?
3. Our Father wants His children to be givers. List some of the things that He gives to all people, to us as His spiritual children.
4. The Father is especially concerned with giving those who are needy. What are some ways that we can do that? Are any of these ways that you personally or your group is involved?
5. What wrong motive for giving to the needy does Jesus illustrate in these verses? Can you list some other motives which wouldn’t be good ones? Ever given to others with any of these motives in your heart? (If so, care to share about an incident?)
6. What does it mean to not let your left hand know what your right is doing in the context here? What kind of heart state might make that possible? Ever seen anyone who you think might be in that spiritual spot?
7. What is a reason that our Father can’t reward us when we give to be seen and then honored by others? Is He “judging” us?
8. What is our Father’s attitude toward rewarding us (is He eager, reluctant, strict, etc.)? To parents in the group: any stories that parallel His heart for rewarding from your experiences as a parent?
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