

Bible Study 10-22-2025

Scripture: Matthew 6:1-4

Title: You Can't Beat God Giving

Matthew, one of Jesus' twelve disciples and a despised tax collector, wrote this Gospel to his fellow Jews. His purpose was to prove that Jesus is the Messiah and to explain God's kingdom. **Matthew 9:9** tells us, "And as Jesus passed forth from thence, he saw a man named Matthew, sitting at the receipt of custom: and He saith unto him, Follow Me. And he arose, and followed Him." Matthew did not hesitate. He responded immediately to Jesus' call. When Matthew left his tax-collecting booth, the only tool from his past job that he carried with him was his pen. Jesus gave him a new purpose for his skills. From the very beginning God made him to be a record keeper. As a follower and servant of Christ, Matthew's skills were perfected and used for God's glory. God has done the same for all who desire to follow and obey Christ. He has made each of us capable of being His servant. Even today much of what God has for us has not yet been realized. He has entrusted many with skills and abilities ahead of schedule to build His kingdom. Our skills and abilities are gifts from God and are on loan to us. When we trust Him with these gifts, and blessings, like Matthew we will discover the newness of life, and experience the enjoyment and goodness of God in our lives.

Matthew chapters 5-7 is known as the Sermon on the Mount. In this sermon Jesus explained what the kingdom of God is, how it works, and what it ought to look like.

### **Matthew 6 KJV**

*1 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.*

Take heed, pay close attention, watch out, listen, be watchful. Man must guard and be alert when giving. A person's heart can be deceived. Sin can creep in unawares. Do not mishandle your charitable deeds publicly or before men to be seen. Do not look for the applause of men, to be congratulated or admired by others. In doing so, you forge and reward yourself, thereby you lose the reward from your heavenly Father. **Alms:** means righteous acts; giving in order to meet the needs of the poor. Jesus met our needs. He speaks in Matthew 26 and **John 5:30** "*I can of mine own self do nothing: as I hear, I judge: and my judgment is just; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of the Father which hath sent me.* **31** *"If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true.*

Jesus submitted Himself **voluntarily** to His Father's will. What a man does matters greatly to God. Let your outlook in alms-giving be an upward look. Concentrate on pleasing God. Always be sensitive to His Holy Spirit. Take heed to Jesus' warning, make sure that your hearts are right and that your giving is not in vain.

**Note:** No amount of giving can purchase salvation, for salvation is the gift of God.  
**(Ephesians 2:8-9)**

Be resolved and renewed in your commitment to serving Christ and not oneself.

**Note:** Let not your status or ability to give to others become more important than the truth and purpose for which we should give.

*2 Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.*

Righteous acts can be viewed as a tool to build hope and trust. Don't call attention to yourself or blow the trumpets about how generous you are. Rather, allow your good work to glorify the Father and to speak for you. Those who announce their giving have their reward.

**Romans 14:16-19** *Let not then your good be evil spoken of:(KJV) For the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit. For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men. Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another. (NKJV)*

**NOTE:** The kingdom of God is not about the food you eat, but the relationships you have.

*3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:*

If it's in your heart to do something good, just do it. No discussion needed. Don't brag about your generosity, rather allow your work and your giving to speak for you.

**1 Peter 1:24** *KJV For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: 25 But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the Gospel is preached unto you.*

**Proverbs 2:11** *Discretion shall preserve thee, understanding shall keep thee:*

**4** *That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret Himself shall reward thee openly.*

The glory belongs to God. If our motive is to serve God in love and please Him, then we will give our gifts without calling attention to them. As a result we will grow spiritually and others will be helped (edified). If our motives are wrong, we rob ourselves of blessing and reward and rob God of His glory, even though our giving may have been beneficial to the person in need. Every believer should live for the audience of One, Jesus Christ. Fear not the thoughts of man, only God knows all of the facts and can render a perfect and righteous judgment. Let your right motive become a part of your daily walk and your lifestyle. The Father sees in secret, and rewards openly.