

GENEROSITY

KEYS TO THE KINGDOM

MATT 6:1-4
THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT

The Principle

Mt 6:1 "Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven."

Keys to the Kingdom

Introduction	Prayer - 6:5-15
Attitude - 5:1-12	Self-Denial - 6:16-18
Influence - 5:13-16	Investment - 6:19-24
Self-Control - 5:17-30	Preoccupation - 6:25-34
Faithfulness - 5:31-37	Discernment - 7:1-12
Response-Ability - 5:38-42	Direction - 7:13-14
Love - 5:43-48	Obedience - 7:15-23
Generosity - 6:1-4	Action - 7:24-27

Jesus moves behind
the "WHAT" to the ...

WHY?

One Principle

3 Applications

Giving - 6:1-5

Praying - 6:5-15

Fasting - 6:16-18

The What, the Why (Not), the How

Mt 5:16 Let them see ____ and glorify _____.

Pr 27:2 Let another praise you ...

Lk 18:11-12 Pharisee prayed: "I fast ... I tithe ..."

Mt 12:15-21 Jesus withdrew – and warned ...

The What, the Why (Not), the How

1 Co 13:1-8 Deeds – love = nothing. Love does not brag, is not arrogant, does not seek its own ...

1 Co 1:16 Do not know who else I baptized ...

Jn 5:44 Receive glory, but do not seek His glory.

Jn 12:42-43 Loved approval / praise of men ...

Gal 1:10 Seeking favor of men, or of God?

Generosity Rewarded by God

Even your other hand does not see or know!
Do not publicize to others or dwell on it yourself.
From self-congratulation to self-righteousness.
This leaves God as the only intended witness.
The reward? Knowing we have pleased Him.
The joy of anonymity.
What if others must know?

The Self, Social, or Spirit Mirror?

"How will it look to _____ if I buy this, wear that, go there, try that, don't do that, drive that, date him, marry her, get a job there ... ?"

We Give According to Our ...

Income and Ability	
Faith, Hope, Love	<i>As these grow,</i>
Concern for Others' Needs	<i>our giving</i>
Desire to Glorify God	<i>grows ...</i>
Likeness To Christ	<i>naturally.</i>
Gratitude for Grace	
Planning, Spiritual Maturity	

Generosity Ignored by God

Why would God *not* honor our acts of charity?
"When you give." Not "if," but "how" and "why."
Lit., "do mercy." Cf. Ac 3:3; 10:2, 4
"The trumpet." Fig?. Lit?. A vain publicity stunt.
The reward you seek is the *only* reward you get.
Not told how much is given.
Not even told to whom.