FBC SUMMIT

Daily Bible Reading Plan
Matthew 6:1-4

Jesus teaches that our acts of righteousness should be motivated by a desire to honor God rather than impress people. God sees what others cannot see and values generosity that flows from a sincere heart.

Monday, October 19, 2026
Highlight: Matthew 6:1-4

Explain: Jesus begins by addressing the motivation behind our good works. Doing something good is not necessarily the same as doing it for the right reason. Jesus warns against practicing righteousness simply to receive attention or approval from others.

God cares not only about what we do but also about why we do it.

Apply: Think about some of the good things you do for others. How much does the approval or recognition of other people influence your motivation?

Respond: Pray for a greater desire to please God rather than people.

Tuesday, October 20, 2026
Highlight: Matthew 6:1-4

Explain: Jesus assumes that His followers will give to those in need. Generosity is not presented as an optional part of discipleship. The issue Jesus addresses is not whether we give but the heart behind our giving.

Christian generosity flows from love for God and concern for others rather than a desire for recognition.

Apply: Who is someone you know who could benefit from your generosity—whether through your money, time, skills, encouragement, or practical help?

Respond: Ask God to make you more aware of people in need.

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

Highlight: Matthew 6:1-4

Explain: Jesus describes people who gave publicly so that others would applaud them. Their generosity became a means of gaining attention rather than an expression of love. Jesus reminds us that human applause is temporary. God's approval is what ultimately matters.

Apply: Do you ever find yourself wanting others to notice your generosity or service? What would change if you knew no one would ever know about the good thing you did?

Respond: Pray that your service would flow from love rather than pride.

Thursday, October 22, 2026

Highlight: Matthew 6:1-4

Explain: Jesus uses intentionally exaggerated language to emphasize how quietly His followers should give. The point is not that every act of generosity must literally remain completely unknown. The point is that recognition should not be the reason we give.

Secret generosity reveals something important: we can be faithful even when nobody is watching

Apply: Look for an opportunity to serve or give anonymously this week. Do something kind without telling anyone about it.

Respond: Ask God to give you opportunities to serve quietly.

Friday, October 23, 2026

Highlight: Matthew 6:1-4

Explain: People may not notice every act of kindness, generosity, or service. God does. Jesus reminds His followers that our heavenly Father sees what happens in secret.

This means we don't have to depend on recognition from others. We can faithfully serve because we know God sees and values our obedience.

Apply: Is there something you have done for which you never received recognition? Remember that God sees your faithfulness. Let His approval encourage you today.

Respond: Pray for contentment in knowing that God sees what others miss.

Saturday, October 24, 2026

Highlight: Matthew 6:1-4

Explain: Jesus calls His followers to examine the heart behind their generosity. We are not called to give so that people will think highly of us. We give because God has generously given to us and because He calls us to love and serve others.

The goal of Christian generosity is ultimately God's glory, not our recognition.

Apply: Reflect on these questions:

- Why do I give?
- How do I respond when my service goes unnoticed?
- Am I more concerned with God's approval or people's approval?
- Who has God placed around me that I can serve?
- What is one act of generosity I can do this week without seeking recognition?

Choose one specific act of generosity or service and do it simply because you want to honor God.

Respond: Ask God to make generosity a consistent part of your life.

Sunday, October 25, 2026

Highlight: Matthew 6:1-4

At the end of this week, ask yourself:
If no one ever knew about my generosity or service, would I still want to do it because God sees and because I love Him?