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Summary of previous weeks:

Beatitudes (5:1-12)

Beatitudes Described – Salt/Light (5:13-16)

Fulfillment of the Old Testament: (5:17-20)

- Anger (5:21—26)
- Sexual Desires (5:27-30)
- Divorce (5:31—32)
- Personal Integrity (5:33-37)
- Extending Grace (5:38-42)
- Loving Others (5:43-48)

Tonight we learn about the sin of _____. This is person that deliberately uses religion to cover their own personal _____ and promote his own personal _____. The Greek word translated _____ originally meant “an actor who wears a mask.” The righteousness of the Pharisees was insincere and dishonest. They practiced their religion for the _____ of men, not for the _____ of God. But true righteousness must come from within. We should test ourselves to see whether we are sincere and honest in our Christian commitment.

“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.”

Matthew 6:1-4 (NIV)

Acts of righteousness

- **Should be our** _____

All they asked was that we should continue to remember the poor, the very thing I was eager to do. Galatians 2:10 (NIV)

- **Pleasing to** _____

Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.

James 1:27 (NIV)

- **Indicator of God’s** _____

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”

Luke 19:8 (NIV)

Not seen?

Remember The Example of _____

Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles’ feet.

Acts 4:36-37 (NIV)

Observe The Early _____

There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need.

Acts 4:34-35 (NIV)

Watch The M_____ and M_____

Then Peter said, "Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land? Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied to men but to God."

Acts 5:3-4 (NIV)

Note:

Great fear seized the whole church and all who heard about these events.
Acts 5:11 (NIV)

"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."

Matthew 6:2 (NIV)

How do you give?

1. Income more than _____
2. Find attitude of _____
3. Live to _____
4. Be _____

Distribution Possibilities

- C _____
- O _____
- P _____
- Christian O _____
- Special E _____
- O _____

Reward?

Note: Not our primary _____!

"Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."
Matthew 6:1-4 (NIV)

1. Reward of _____

"His master replied, 'Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master's happiness!'"

Matthew 25:21 (NIV)

2. Reward of _____

"Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you."

Luke 6:38 (NIV)

3. Reward in _____

"But store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6:20-21 (NIV)