

# **Matthew 6:1-18**

December 2, 2018 – Rev. Rick Lyon

## ***Do The Right Thing For The Right Reason***

### **Intro**

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### **The Wrong Way to Live: To Draw Attention to Yourself**

*In getting what we seek--the praise of men, we'll lose what we should have sought--  
God's approval.*

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### **The Right Way to Live: To Focus on God**

*If you do it and forget it, God will remember it and reward it.*

*It's a good thing to receive the right reward for doing the right thing for the right  
reason.*

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#### **Three reasons it pleases God when we give:**

**1. Giving pleases God because giving is a sign of love.**

**John 3:16** - For God so loved the world that He gave...

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**2. Giving pleases God because giving shows that I recognize everything belongs to God.**

**1 Corinthians 4:7** - What do you have that you didn't receive?

**Psalms 24:1** - The earth is the Lord's and everything that's in it.

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**3. Giving pleases God because giving is a sign of Christlikeness.**

**2 Cor. 8:9** - You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich.

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#### **Jesus speaks about praying for the wrong reason**

**1 Timothy 2:8** - I desire that men pray everywhere.

**Galatians 1:10** - Am I trying to win the approval of people, or of God? If pleasing people were my goal, I wouldn't be Christ's servant.

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**1 Cor. 10:31** - Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

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