

# *The Real Deal*

## Sermon on the Mount Series – Part 11

Scripture text – Matthew 6:1-4

### Introduction

- In this next section of the Sermon (6:1-18), Jesus draws a distinction between those who are \_\_\_\_\_ as Christians and those who are the \_\_\_\_\_.
- He offers a foundational \_\_\_\_\_ followed by \_\_\_\_ examples.
- The 3 examples are drawn from the 3 main parts or aspects of the Christian life – our relationship with \_\_\_\_\_, with \_\_\_\_\_ and with \_\_\_\_\_.

### The Foundational Principle

- Jesus warns us about doing the \_\_\_\_\_ thing, but for the \_\_\_\_\_ reason.
- For some, the motivation is to be \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ others.
- A subsidiary principle: We all seek \_\_\_\_\_. The issue is \_\_\_\_\_?

### About Rewards

- We don't talk much about rewards because we're afraid thinking about them too much will turn us into \_\_\_\_\_. However, Jesus spoke very \_\_\_\_\_ about the rewards for living to please God.
- CS Lewis famously addressed the subject of rewards in a 1941 sermon. He suggested that the longer & more devotedly we live to please God, the greater our awareness that the reward is \_\_\_\_\_, and by the time we reach that level of maturity, that's all we really want anyway.

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## Giving to the Needy

1. Jesus expects his followers to be \_\_\_\_\_ givers.
  - If your excuse is that you can't afford to give to the needy, that simply means you're a poor \_\_\_\_\_ of what God has entrusted to you.
  - Anyone who has an income, ought to be a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. To the extent possible, our giving should be \_\_\_\_\_, even with respect to ourselves.
  - This means that, as soon as we give, we ought to quickly \_\_\_\_\_ it.
3. Consistent with the foundational principle, Jesus is deeply concerned about the \_\_\_\_\_ for our giving.
  - A wrong motivation is to be honored by \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Another wrong motivation is to \_\_\_\_\_ something in return. This is part of a heresy known as \_\_\_\_\_ Theology.
  - The *right* motivation for giving, indeed for all our good works, is to please \_\_\_\_\_.

## Discussion Questions

1. What's our motivation for going to church, reading the Bible, praying and doing other good things?
2. Are we generous givers?
3. Who is a needy person we can help this week?

## Who's Who in Today's Message

CS Lewis (1898-1963) – British theologian and writer. Perhaps most famous for his fiction, including *The Screwtape Letters* and *The Chronicles of Narnia*.