

Jesus says...

WEEK 6 | GIVING | MATTHEW 6:1-4

Inspection – “What does it say?”

What should motivate us to do acts of righteousness?
Why do hypocrites perform acts of righteousness?
What is the reward for the hypocrite?
What should the right hand and left hand do when giving?
What does God see in our giving and how does He respond to it?

Observation – “What does it mean?”

What possible rewards are there for those who perform acts of righteousness?
In what ways does the world seem to be impressed by those who give generously?
Why do we sometimes value earthly rewards more than heavenly rewards?
Is giving to the needy optional or an assumed command?
Why is it important that giving be done in secret?

Life Application – “What does it mean for me?”

Seek daily to perform secret acts of righteousness.
Pray for an open door to help those who are in need.
Read Acts 5:1-11. Consider the sin of Ananias and Sapphira and how it affected the church.
Make a list of your blessings and then consider how you might share those blessings.
Memorize 2 Corinthians 9:6-15.

Meditation – “What does God say?”

2 Corinthians 9:7	Deuteronomy 15:11	1 John 3:17	Acts 20:35
Luke 11:13	Matthew 6:19-21	Malachi 3:10	Hebrews 13:16

Supplication: What Can We Meditate?

Count Your Blessings

When upon life's billows you are tempest tossed,
When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
Count your many blessings, ev'ry doubt will fly,
And you will be singing as the days go by.

When you look at others with their lands and gold,
Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold;
Count your many blessings, money cannot buy
Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.

So, amid the conflict, whether great or small,
Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

Refrain:

Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your blessings, see what God hath done;
Count your blessings, name them one by one;
Count your many blessings, see what God hath done.

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