

**Living  
Upside  
Down**

Message 10: *Authentic  
Giving*  
Mt. 6:1-4





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**Mt. 6:1-4 ESV**

*Beware of practicing your  
righteousness before other people in  
order to be seen by them, for then you  
will have no reward from your Father  
who is in heaven.*



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*“Thus, when you give to the needy,  
sound no trumpet before you, as the  
hypocrites do in the synagogues and  
in the streets, that they may be  
praised by others. Truly, I say to you,  
they have received their reward.*



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*<sup>3</sup> But when you give to the needy, do  
not let your left hand know what your  
right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your  
giving may be in secret. And your  
Father who sees in secret will reward  
you.*



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**What this message is about**

Jesus begins to talk about how to authentically practice the spiritual disciplines of giving to the needy, prayer, and fasting.



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**Purpose of this message**

To encourage us to give in a way that is authentic and wins the applause of heaven.



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## 1. The General warning



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## Mt. 6:1

*Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.*



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## 2. Hypocritical Giving: Roll the cameras!



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## Mt. 6:2 ESV

*“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.*



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## 3. Kingdom Giving: Self forgetfulness



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## Mt. 6:3-4 ESV

*But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.*



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**Next Step**  
Keep up the excellence in your giving. Excel still more by giving in response to the voice of the Holy Spirit, taking no self-righteous pleasure in it, but enjoying the affirmation of God that comes with it.



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