

“The fear of man lays a snare,
but whoever trusts in the LORD is safe.” Proverbs 29:25

Sermon on the Mount

- Who we are - a new identity (5:1-16)
- How we live - a new authority (5:17-48)
- What we _____ - a new security (6:1-34)
 - Don't live for _____ (1-18)
 - Don't live for _____ (19-34)

“Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them....”

Matthew 6:1a

Living for People	Living for your Father
seen by (1, 5, 16, 18)	_____ by (4, 6, 18)
acting before (2, 5, 16) “hypocrites”	_____ before (4, 6, 18) giving, praying, fasting
rewarded by (2, 5, 16) “praised by”	_____ by (4, 6, 18) “knows”

Example #1 – Giving

1. The human _____ of giving (2)

- _____ -
“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets....” (2a)
- _____ -
“that they may be praised by others....” (2b)

2. The divine _____ of giving (3-4)

- _____ -
“But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know ...” (3-4a)

What does this mean?

- _____ -
“And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.” (4b)

A few questions –

1. Why is routine giving such a good example of _____ to the fear of man?
2. Is it always wrong to _____?
3. How do we break free from the bondage of _____?