

## **Dive Deeper into Ken's message, "What's My Reward" from Oct. 13, 2024**

1. What does Jesus mean when He says, "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them" (Matthew 6:1)? How can we apply this in our daily lives?
2. How does Jesus redefine the concept of a "hypocrite" in this passage? Compare this with the original meaning of the word. (Matthew 6:2, 5, 16)
3. What does it mean to "let your light shine before others" (Matthew 5:16), and how does this relate to doing good deeds in secret (Matthew 6:3-4)?
4. How does Jesus instruct us to give, pray, and fast? What is the common theme in His instructions for these practices? (Matthew 6:3-4, 6, 17-18)
5. What does Jesus mean by "they have received their reward in full" (Matthew 6:2, 5, 16)? How does this contrast with the reward from the Father?
6. How does understanding God as our Father (Matthew 6:1, 4, 6, 8, 18) impact our motivation for righteous acts?
7. What does Paul mean in Galatians 1:10 when he says, "Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God?" How does this relate to Jesus' teachings in Matthew 6?
8. How does 1 Samuel 16:7 ("People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart") connect with Jesus' teachings about motivation and reward?
9. What does it mean to have integrity in our spiritual practices? How can we cultivate this? (Consider Psalm 51:6)
10. How does Jesus' teaching on rewards challenge our cultural norms of self-promotion and immediate gratification? (Matthew 6:1-18)
11. What does it mean to "store up treasures in heaven" (Matthew 6:20), and how does this relate to the rewards Jesus mentions in Matthew 6:4, 6, and 18?
12. How can we practice "undercover operations" or secret acts of service in our daily lives? What might be the benefits of doing so? (Matthew 6:3-4, 6, 18)