#1 Stealth Generosity

Matthew 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.* [2] *"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.* [3] *But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,* [4] *so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.*

The Principle: **Doing the Right Thing for the Wrong Reason is not the Right Thing to God.**

Hypocritical Religion	True Righteousness
"Righteous" activity	Righteous activity
To get noticed by people	To express love for God
Acting—pretending to be something you aren't	Expressing—being who you are
Calculated for effect	Arising spontaneously
Announced with fanfare	Done discreetly
Rewarded with the praise of men	Rewarded by the Father

Two kinds of giving by God's people...

a) Structured, systematic giving

b) Spirit-prompted, spontaneous giving

"Everything you really need, you already have in Christ."

BIBLE READING PLAN

- ❑ Sunday: 2 Timothy 4
- ❑ Monday: 1 Peter 1
- ❑ Tuesday: 1 Peter 2
- ❑ Wednesday: 1 Peter 3
- ❑ Thursday: 1 Peter 4
- ❑ Friday: 1 Peter 5
- ❑ Saturday: 2 Peter 1
- ❑ Sunday: 2 Peter 2

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