

Each One! Bless One!

eBlessings' International Daily Devotional

You Make a Difference!

Learn to give in secret, to love openly and to have peace within yourself!

“Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.”

MATTHEW 6:1(KJV)

The Secret of Secret Giving. When you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. **(Matthew 6:3) Matthew 6:1-4.** In this chapter, Jesus Christ emphasizes three important principles of Christian living. They are: **1)** Giving to the needy. **2)** Prayer, and **3)** Fasting.

Giving is of many types.

Firstly, giving to God.

Secondly, giving to His missions.

Thirdly, giving to the needy. In ancient days, giving alms to the poor played an important role to the Jews because they thought that giving brought chances of going to heaven if they gave more. But we read in these verses how Jesus instructed them to give with a correct motive and that is applicable even today.

One very ordinary type of giving in the days of Jesus was supplying water to the thirsty. A person who wanted to supply water would hire a man to carry jars of water. Both of them would stand in the crowded area and the hired man would shout in a loud voice, “Whoever is thirsty can come here and drink this water.” Hearing this, many people would come to drink. At that time the man who supplied the water would shout, “I’m the one who is

providing water for you all. Bless me!" In this way, the Jews would boast about their giving alms. Sometimes they even blew loud trumpets.

Jesus Christ condemned such type of giving. This giving is meant to exalt one's own self and to be honored by men. This is abominable in the sight of the Lord. Our giving is truly accepted and honored by God, when we are really filled with compassion for others and give our alms to the glory of the Lord. Jesus said, **"If you give to the least of your brothers, you give it to me."** He also said, **"Give and it will be given unto you. A good measure..."** (Luke 6:38) So let us have compassion and give cheerfully in secret to the poor, and the Lord will reward us.

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