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You engage in holy habits that are noticed by God  
– not to be noticed by others

1. If you give to those in need to be noticed, that's all of the benefit you'll receive

Holy habit – an intentional practice that draws you closer to Jesus so that you might live more like Jesus

*Matthew 6:1*

Key words here that will help us for today:

- “*be careful*” – Greek word meaning “to take heed lest one do a thing,” beware
- “*to practice*” – Greek word meaning to perform or accomplish
- “*your righteousness*” – Greek word that can get lost in Bible Land for us, but means “doing that which is approved in God’s eyes”
- “*in front of others to be seen by them*” – Greek word meaning “before the face of others in order to be seen as though on a stage”
  - we get our English word for “theater” from the Greek word translated here “to be seen by”

So, here's what this first sentence is saying – *“Take careful action to not perform as though on a stage for other people to notice the things that would be considered for God's eyes to see”*

*Matthew 6:2-4*

*Deuteronomy 15:11*

2. If you pray in order to be noticed, people's attention is all you'll receive

*Matthew 6:5-6*

3. If you fast in order to be noticed, you'll miss the point of fasting

*Matthew 6:16-18*

Fasting is for the purpose of denying yourself something in order to focus your craving for Jesus instead of that normal part of your life

### **Now What?**

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**HOME GROUP NOTES**



**TAKING INVENTORY**

Week of November 12

Re-incentivize Holy Habits

This week begins the “Taking Inventory” series. If you are interested in connecting with a Home Group, please call Steve or Julie at (909) 335-7333.



### **Share It**

What did you do to get noticed in High School? (or another setting)



### **Study the Bible**

Read Matthew 6:1-8, 16-18

Note the contrasting motives and results.

6:1

6:2-4

6:5-6

6:16-18

Colossians 3:22-24

Note also these warnings and promises.

Galatians 1:10

Romans 8:31



## **Discuss Together**

Why is there a constant tug at us to do things before the eyes of people? What is it that we hope to gain?

Does the idea of “rewards” oppose healthy motives? What if the reward is “experiencing the reality of Jesus?”

How can we learn to focus on being “noticed by God?” What part of it is up to the individual? How can we also help out each other?



## **Pray**

- Update and pray about “reaching your worlds.”
- Pray for our upcoming entry point events



## **Apply It This Week**

Walk through your week asking, “Am I trying to be noticed by God or by others?” When are you strongest? When are you weakest?