Matthew 6:1-4

1 “Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

2 “Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.

3 “But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,

4 “that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.”

We must be careful to actively avoid a Performance Mentality in our service to others.

**This is Us: Is My Service Just a Show?**

1. Assessment (Matthew 6:1)

“Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven.”

Am I doing what I do for others… for others?

2. ACTION! (Matthew 6:2)

“Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.”

**Mark 12:41-44**

Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many who were rich put in much. Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, *“Assuredly, I say to you that* ***this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given*** *to the treasury; for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood.”*

Are we actually **disciples**, or are we just playing the part?

3. Anonymity (Matthew 6:3-4)

“But when you do a charitable deed, do not **let** your **left hand** know what your **right hand** is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret **will Himself reward you** openly.”

Matthew 5:16

*“Let your light so shine* ***before men, that they may see*** *your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.”*

*The question is not whether or not our good works* ***should be seen*** *by others, but whether or not they are done* ***to be seen*** *by others.*

**A.B. Bruce, *“We are to show when tempted to hide, and hide when tempted to show.”***

**HOMEWORK**: Ask yourself, *“What motivates me to service?”*

Make a determination in your heart to be motivated by a desire to please God and receive only His reward, and then **get involved!**

Philippians 2:5-11

**“Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus**, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but **made Himself of no reputation**, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. And being found in appearance as a man, **He humbled Himself** and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. Therefore **God also has highly exalted Him** and given Him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”