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"Growing Up Pretending"

Mat 6:1 "Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.

1. Beware of Pretending

Mat 5:20 "For I say to you that unless your righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will not enter the kingdom of heaven.

2. Give the Right Way

Mat 6:2 "So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

Joh 12:43 for they loved the approval of men rather than the approval of God.

Mat 6:3 "But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,

Mat 6:4 so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

Mat 6:5 "When you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in

3. Pray the Right Way

Mat 6:6 "But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

Mat 6:7 "And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words.

Mat 6:8 "So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

Next Steps…

- ◊ **I want to stop pretending and start living honestly before God.**
- ◊ **I commit to give freely, faithfully, quietly.**
- ◊ **I commit to pray secretly, faithfully and simply.**
- ◊ **Pray I will follow through.**
- ◊ **I want to be Baptized ASAP.**
- ◊ **I want to help with VBS.**