



**GENEROSITY Week 2 | November 9/10, 2013**  
**Secret Generosity | Matthew 6:1-4**

Have you ever received a gift anonymously? Explain.

**Read Matthew 6:1-4.**

<sup>1</sup> "Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

<sup>2</sup> "So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.

<sup>3</sup> But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

**From Matthew 6:1-4, list the ways Jesus says to give or not to give:**

Give this way:	Don't give this way:

[Q] What do you think someone who publicizes their generosity is looking for?

[Q] How long will their reward last? Read 1 Peter 1:24.

**Pride v. Humility**

[Q] What should be the focus of our hearts and minds when we give without fanfare?

**Extra:**

Jesus has tough words for hypocritical self-promoters in Matthew 23. Read Matthew 23:5-7, 11-12.

[Q] What is the deadly danger of self-promotion? Why is it so deadly?

*The LORD detests all the proud of heart. Be sure of this: They will not go unpunished. Proverbs 16:5 (NIV)*

[Q] We all struggle with pride. What are some ways you fight pride in yourself?

[Q] Secret generosity humbles us and helps to loosen our grip on that which is not really ours to begin with. How can you have humility like Christ found in Philippians 2:3-9?

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*A man's pride brings him low, but a man of lowly spirit gains honor. Proverbs 29:23 (NIV)*

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[Q] How do you reconcile Matthew 5:16 with secret giving and good deeds?

*In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven. Matthew 5:16 (ESV)*

[Q] From the weekend message, what is a benefit of inconspicuous giving for the recipient? Who do you know who needs that benefit?

**Pray for:**

- an attitude that seeks God’s glory, not yours
- opportunities to be generous which point to Christ
- people who need to be pointed towards God

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