Lesson #8 – Give to the Needy – Matthew 6:1-4

Matthew 6:1-4 – "Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. [2] "Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. [3] But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, [4] so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

- Three points
  - Jesus expects us to care for the poor.
  - True piety means impressing God alone.
  - If we flaunt our piety, we will receive a lesser reward.

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Review Questions

- Why are we to give in secret?
- Have you ever flaunted your piety in front of others? What did you do?
- Have you ever seen someone asking for money and not helped them? Why or why not?