

be different be blessed

Message Title: **Living for the Long Term**

Matthew 6:1-4 | Sunday AM, May 31st, 2020 | Pastor Jack Lamb

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.

Introduction

Sermon Application Questions

- 1. In Mt. 5:17 Jesus said to let our lights shine, but here we are warned about letting others see our works. What do you make of the seeming contradiction?*
- 2. Can you give examples of how a person may act if they want to be seen by others? (at work, home, or church)*
- 3. What are the fatal flaws with living for the praise of other people?*
- 4. How would you answer someone who says that rewards are an improper motive for good works?*
- 5. What do you think is the greatest reward God could give you in eternity?*

BE A DOER. Your responsibility, by God's enabling, is to consistently apply the divine principles and truths you have heard (Phil 2:12-13; 1 Tim 4:7-9; James 1:22-27). As you meditate on this message, ask yourself these questions: (1) How does God want my beliefs/actions to change? (2) How can I accomplish this change? (3) What is the first step toward bringing about this change?