

“But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.” Matthew 6: 3-4

Good morning, men!

The Heavenly Father wants to break us free from reciprocal love. You know, loving others as long as they love us. He wants to develop in us the kind of love He has for us: unconditional and never-ending. He pours out His love and blessings upon us regardless of our response, or any response. If you're like me, even saying thank you to Him for His blessings is a rarity!

Jesus says that when we give to those in need, try to give secretly. Perhaps you know someone who is going through a tough time financially. It could be that the Lord puts on your heart to give him/her a couple hundred dollars anonymously, with a note that might read: “Your Heavenly Father loves you. He told me to give this to you.” Maybe a person's need is encouragement during a very difficult time. If so, the Lord might move in your heart to get him/her a card with a reminder of the Lord's love, strength, power and peace. And make it anonymous!

Jesus is clear: the Father will reward secret servants. Also, if the person doesn't know who cared for them, who do they thank? Perhaps they will lift up prayers of praise and thanksgiving to the Heavenly Father. That is only right, since it is through the Father that we were inspired to care and to pass on what He has first given us. *He should get all the praise!*

When we learn to give in secret nothing can stop us. Our reward comes from the Father. One last thing: the reward the Father gives you can never, ever be taken away! All praise, thanks, honor and glory are His!

Your brother on the Journey,

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