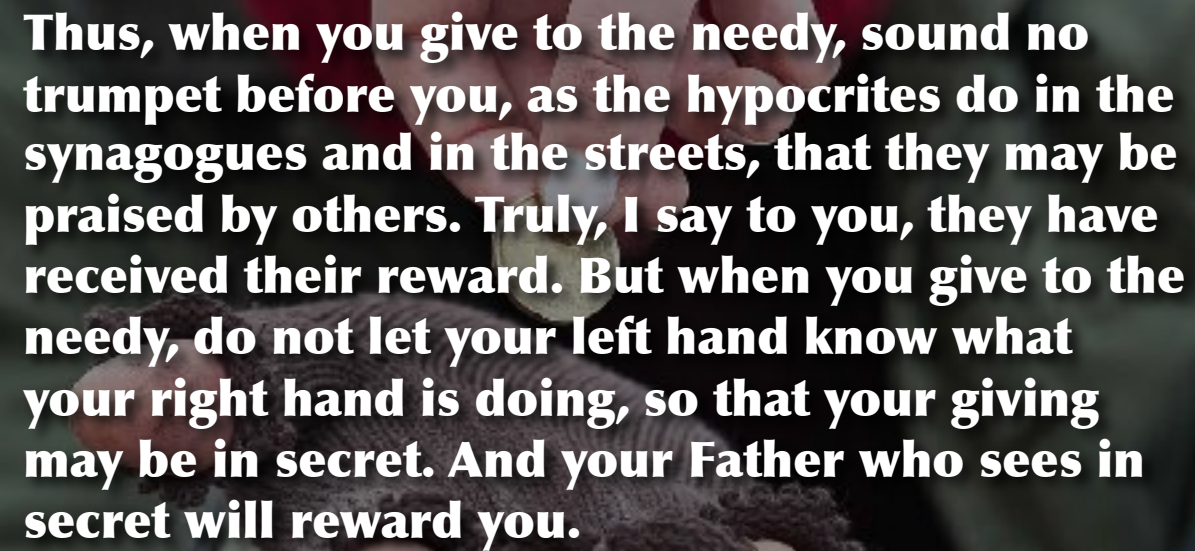




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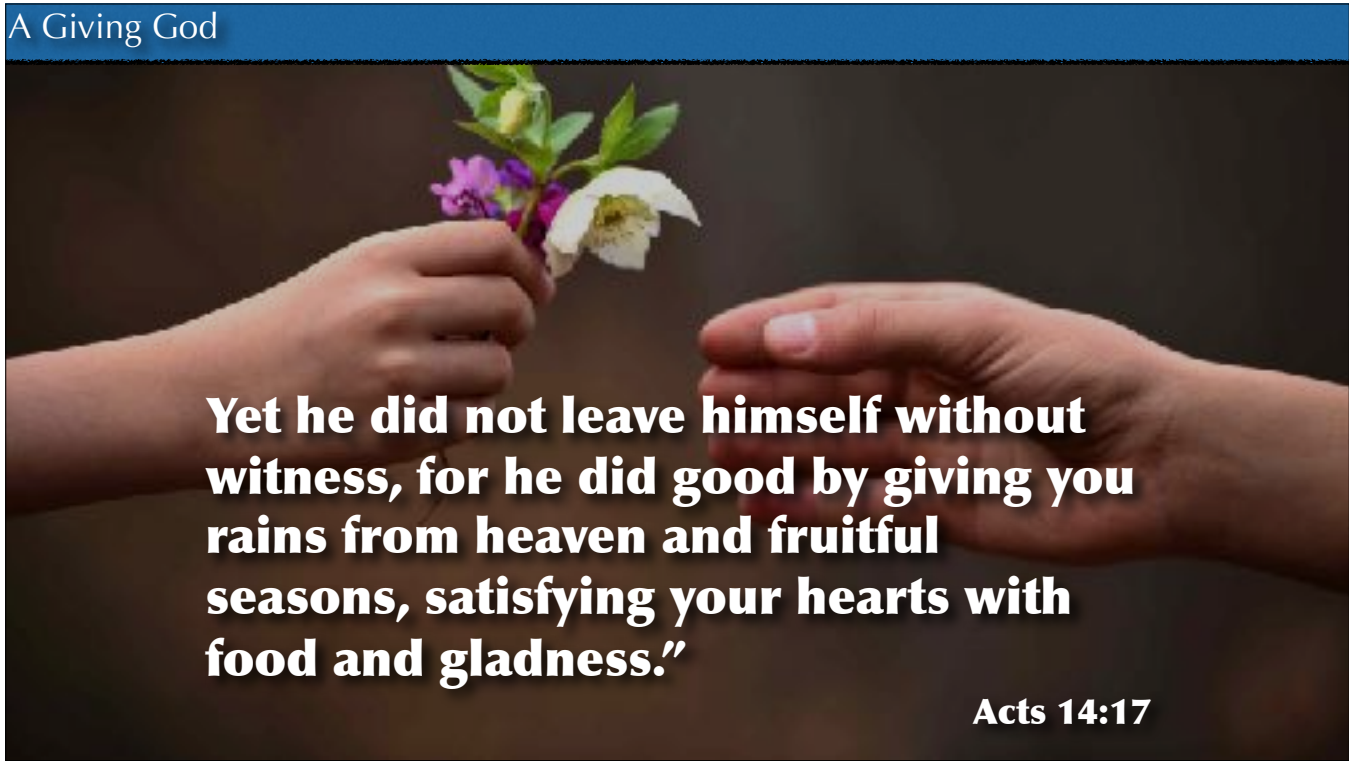


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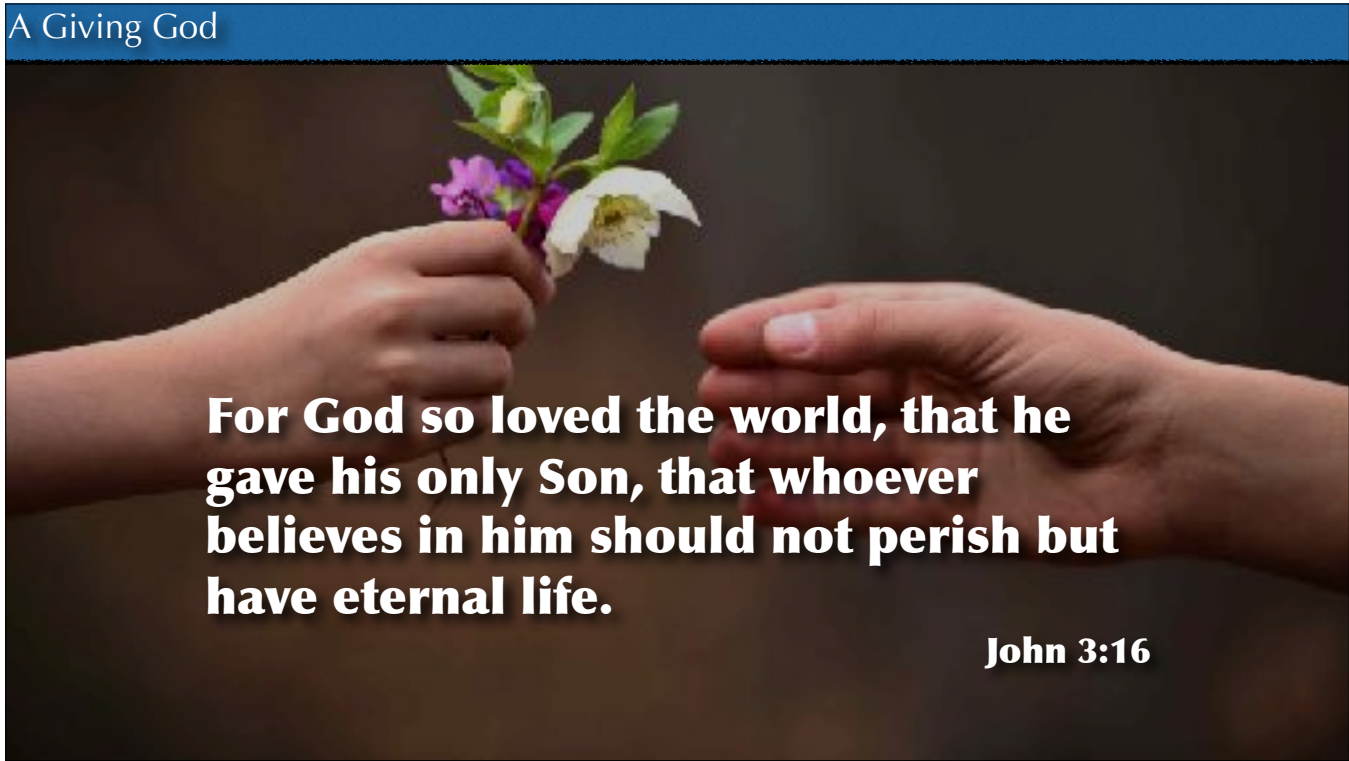
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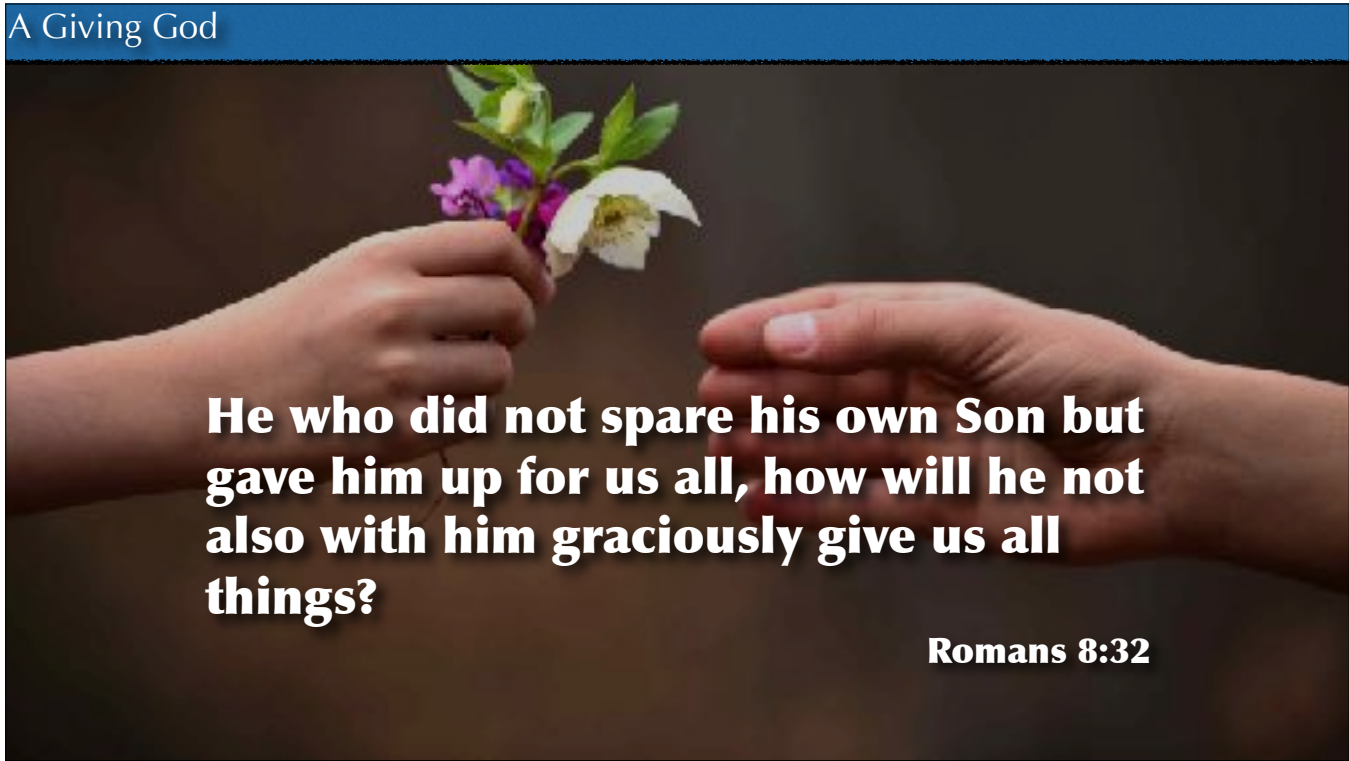
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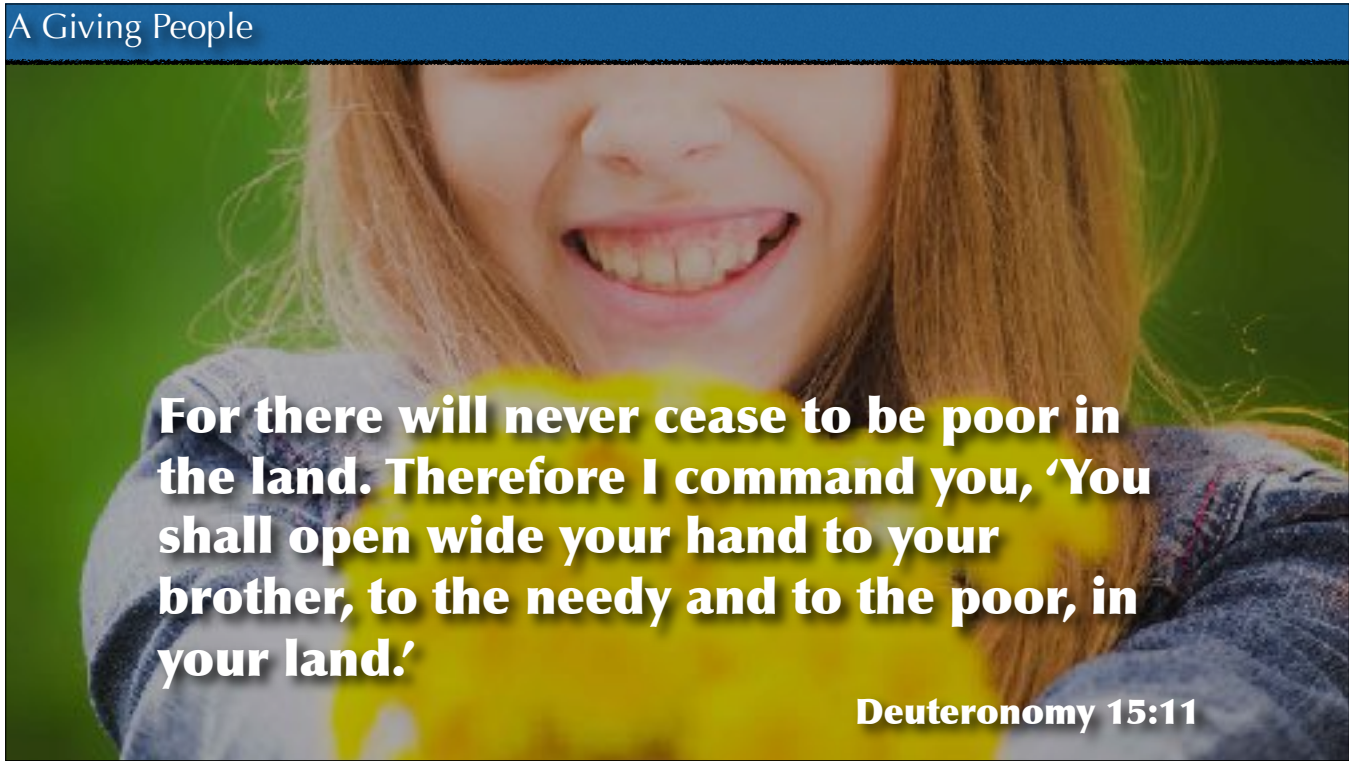
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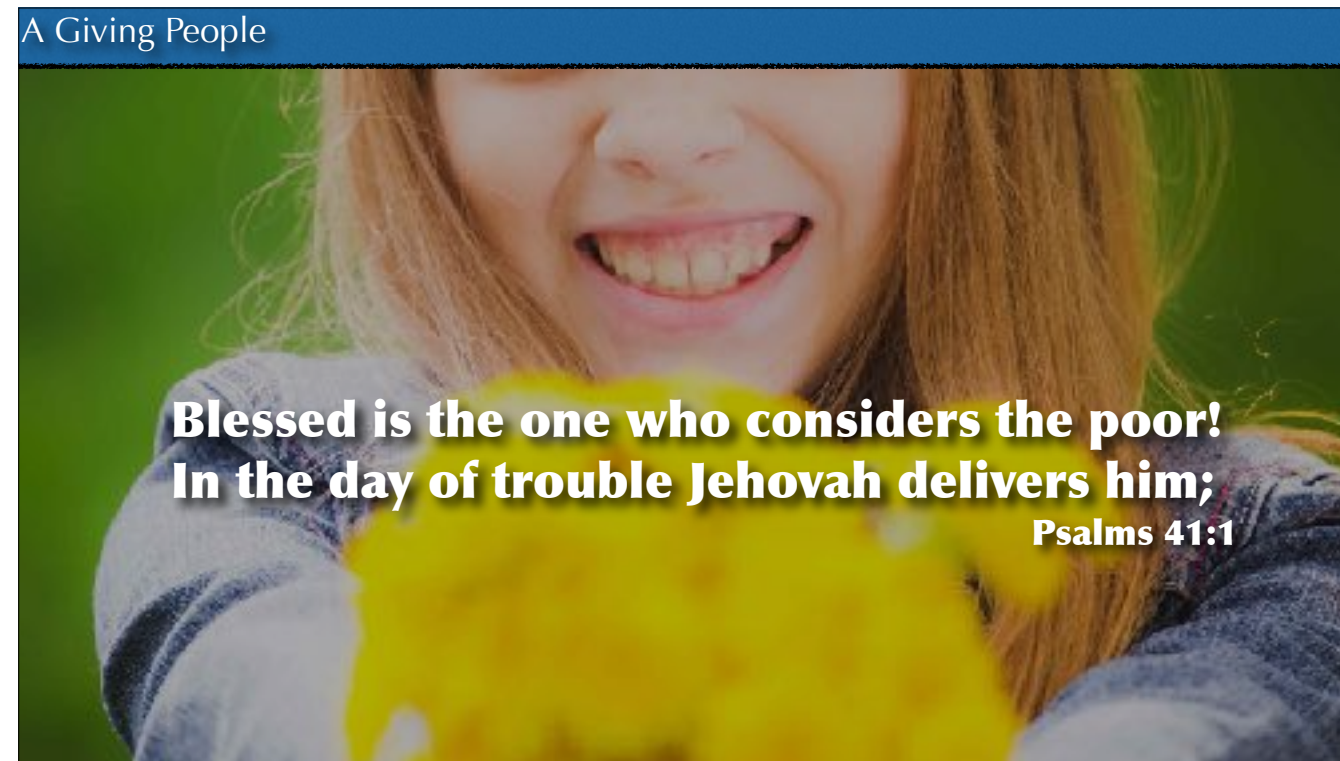
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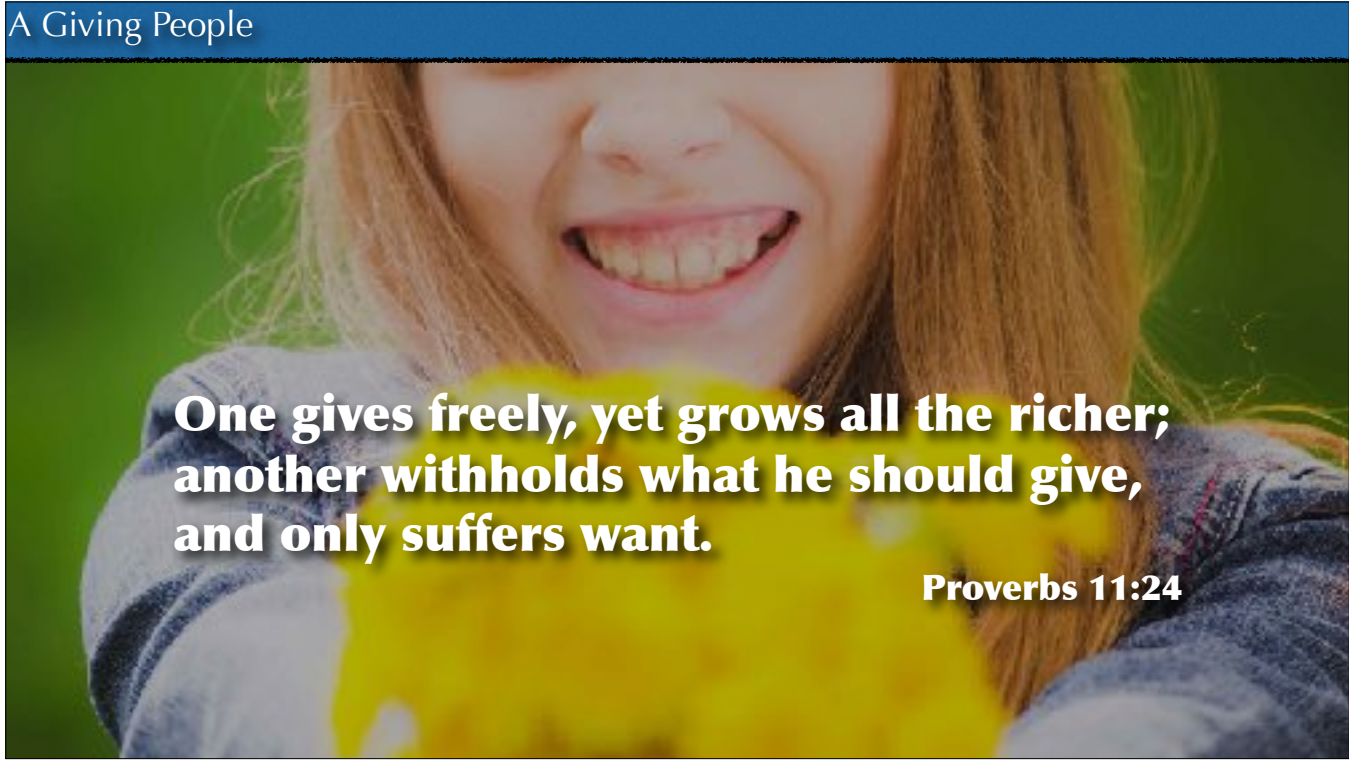
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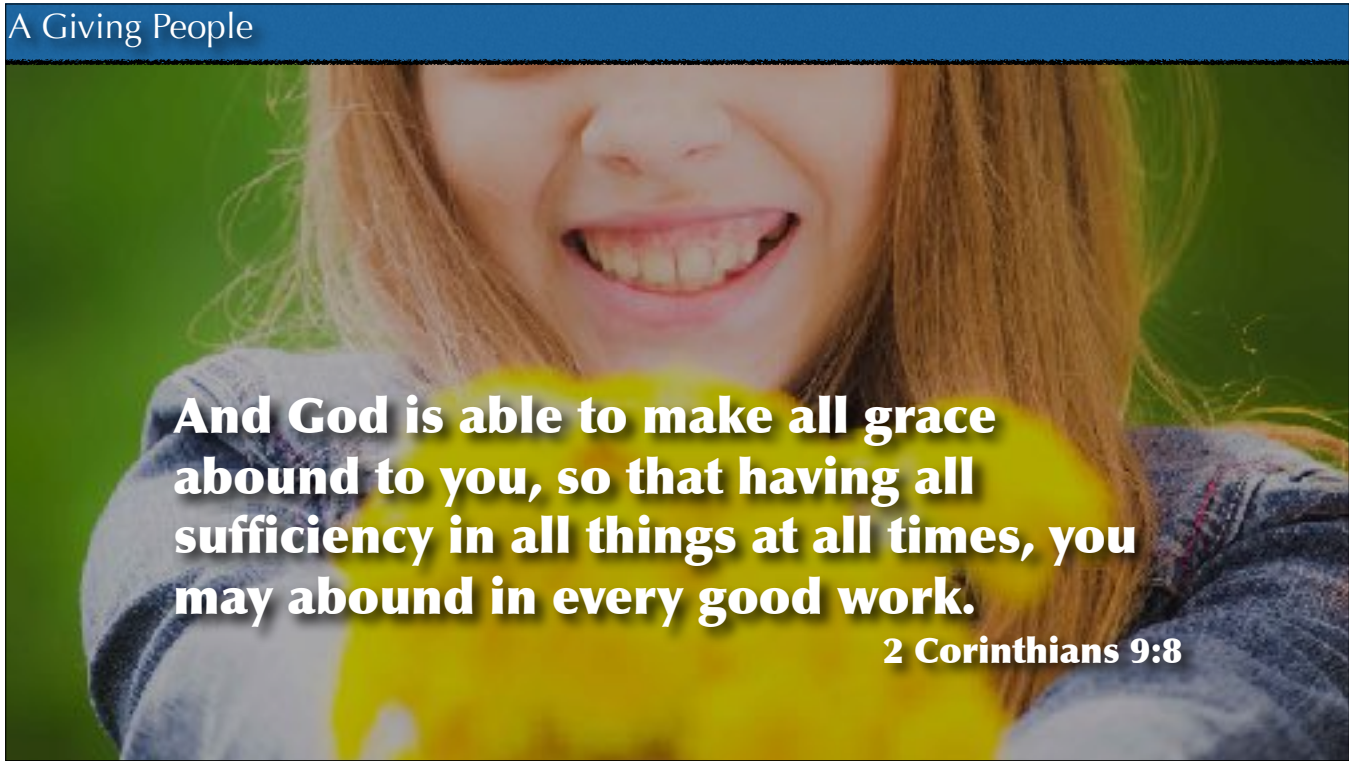
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- The church in Jerusalem: Acts 4-5



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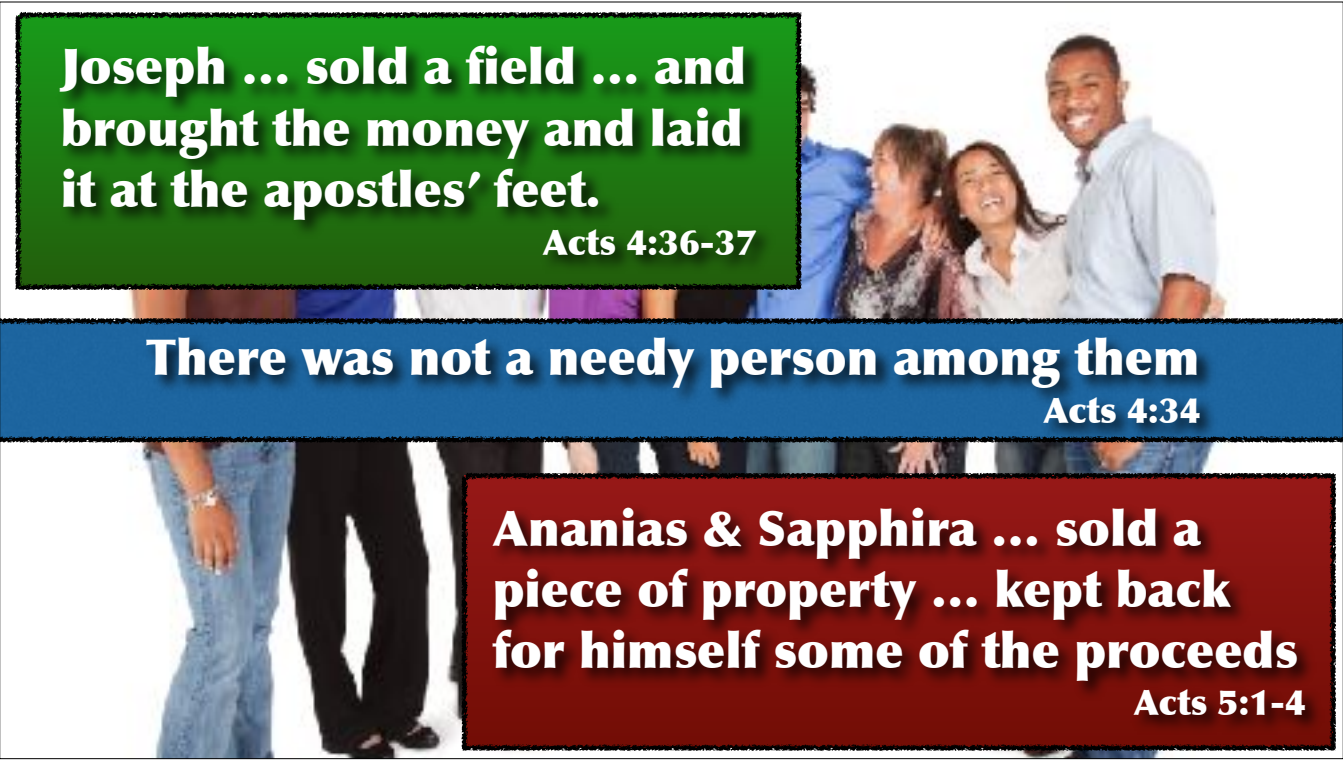
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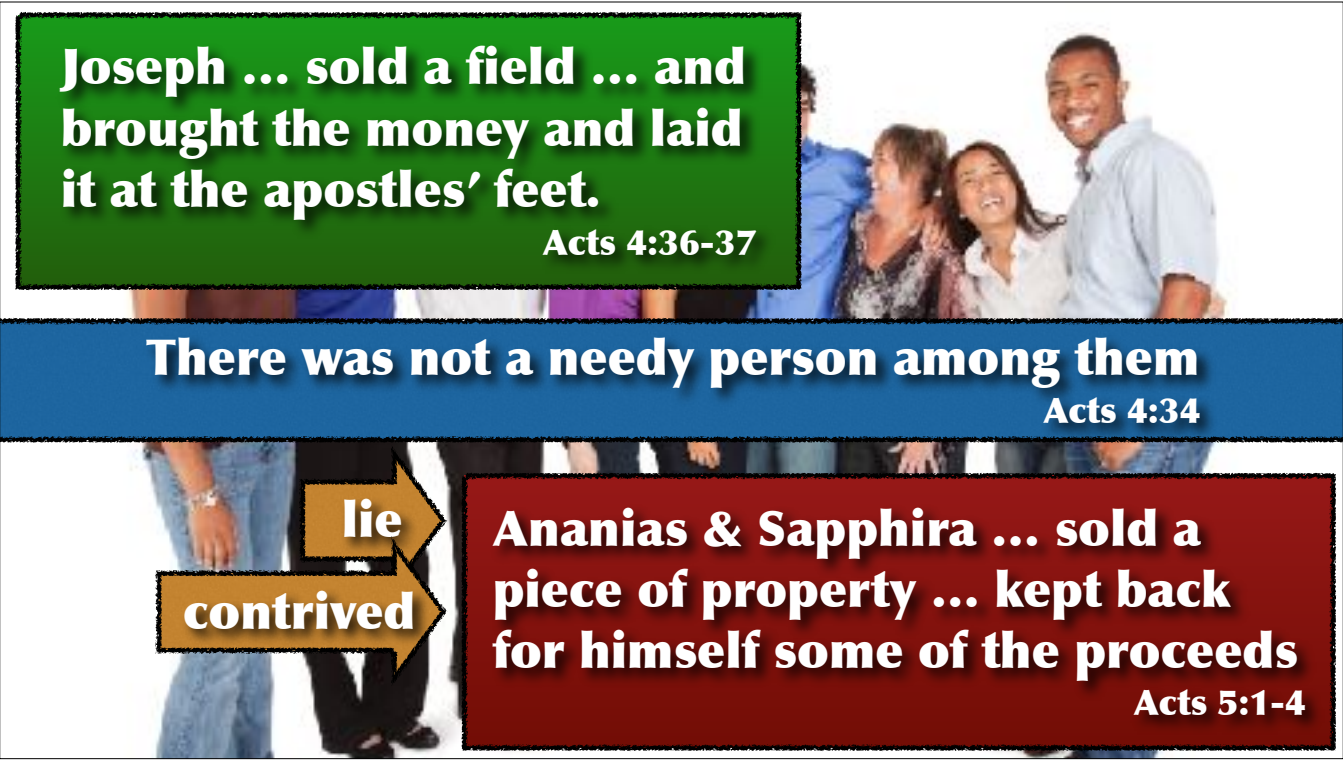
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Ananias & Sapphira ... sold a piece of property ... kept back for himself some of the proceeds

Acts 5:1-4

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- 3 But Peter said, “Ananias, why has Satan **filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit** and to keep back for yourself part of the proceeds of the land? 4 While it remained unsold, did it not remain your own? And after it was sold, was it not at your disposal? **Why is it that you have contrived this deed in your heart? You have not lied to man but to God.**”



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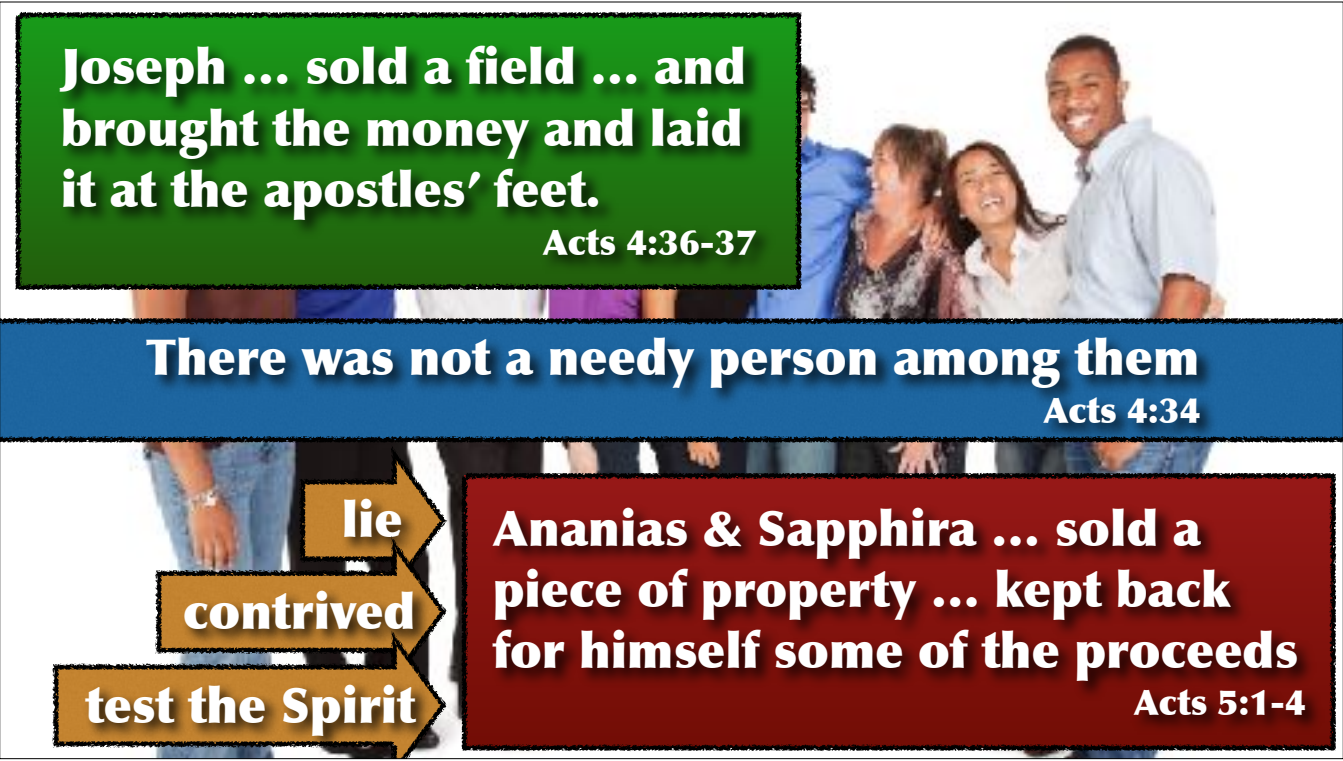
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 - Was it to help those in need?
 - Yes...
 - And make themselves look more righteous.
 - Lying, contriving, testing
 - How conscience were they of what they were doing?
 - Is this hypocrisy?

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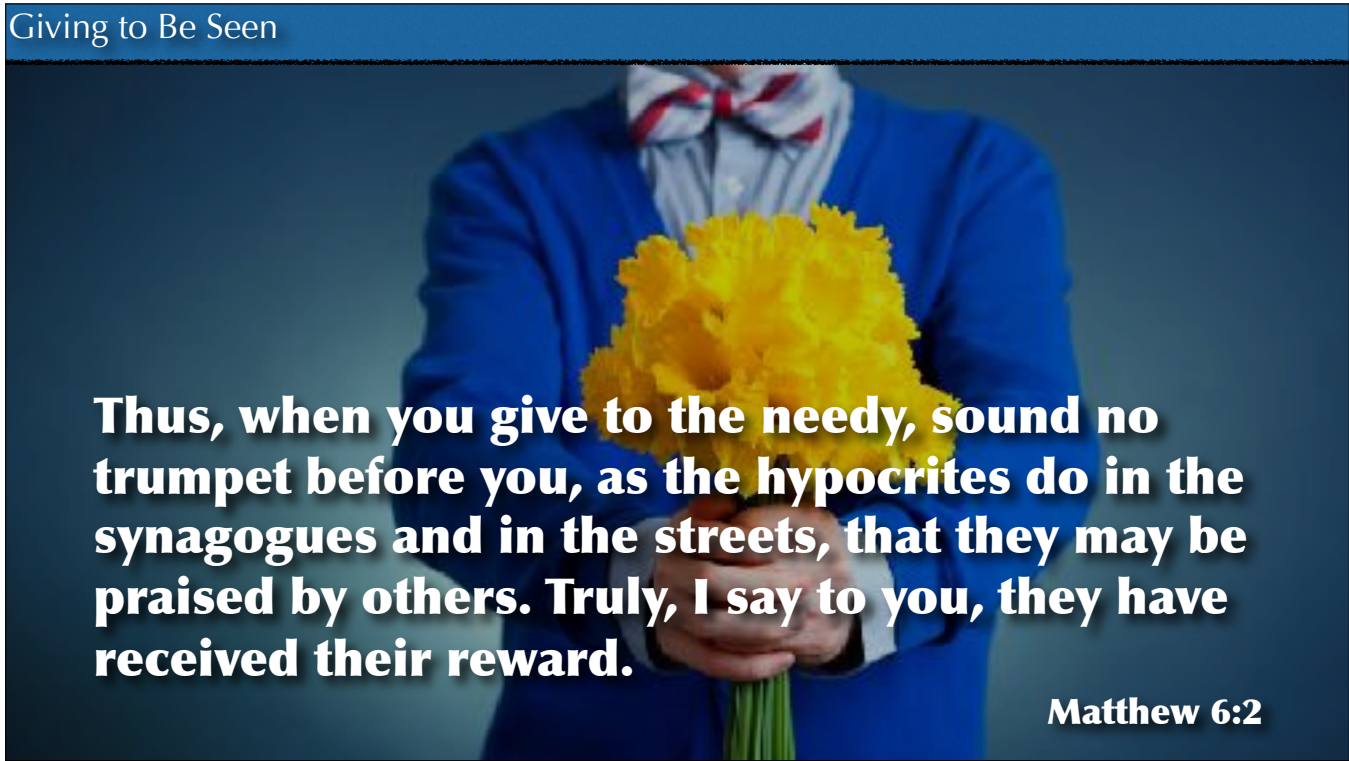
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- Our Father takes it very seriously that we practice our righteousness correctly.
 - Not just the deed.
 - The reason
 - Striving to follow in my Father's footsteps.



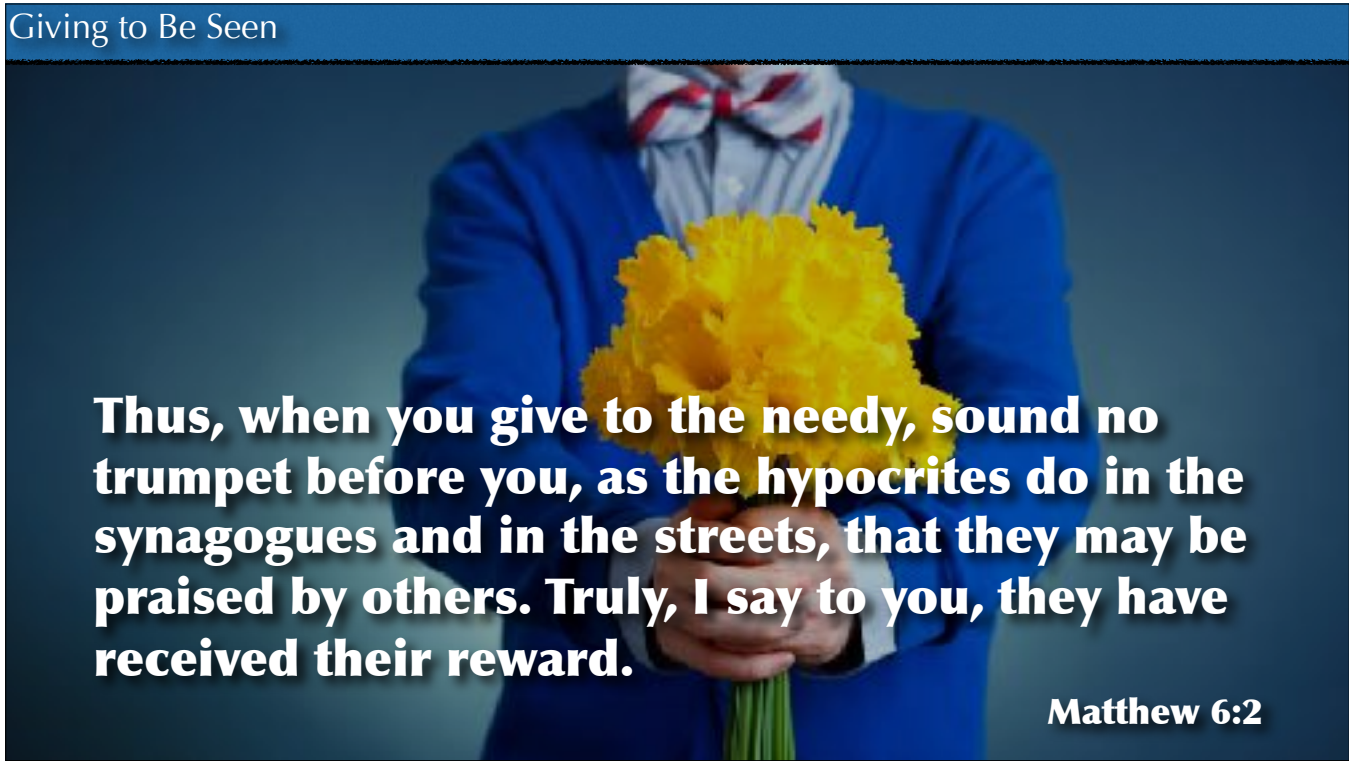
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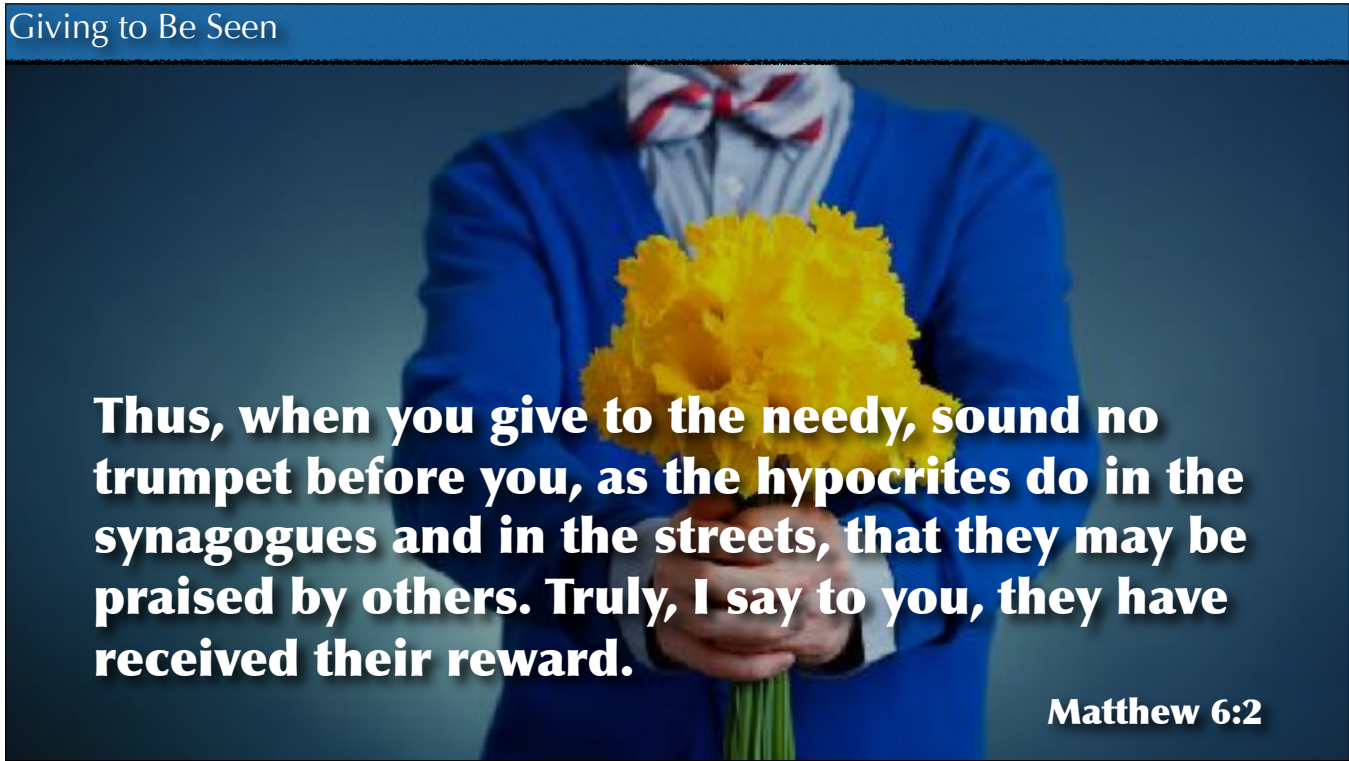
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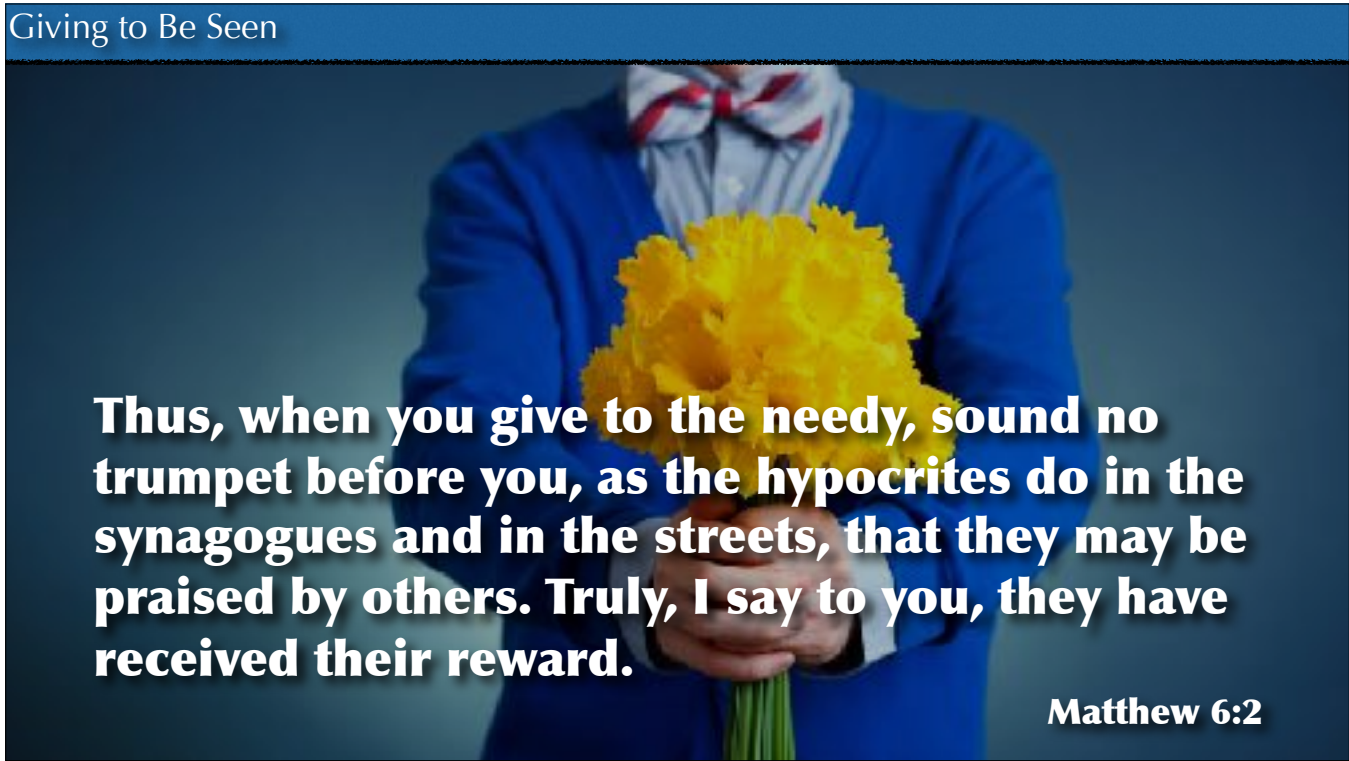
- Give to the needy (do alms, charitable deeds)
 - Mercy, pity
 - the expression of mercy; the actual helpful action of the pity
- The giving Jesus is teaching here is not about supporting church building; evangelism; or a preacher.



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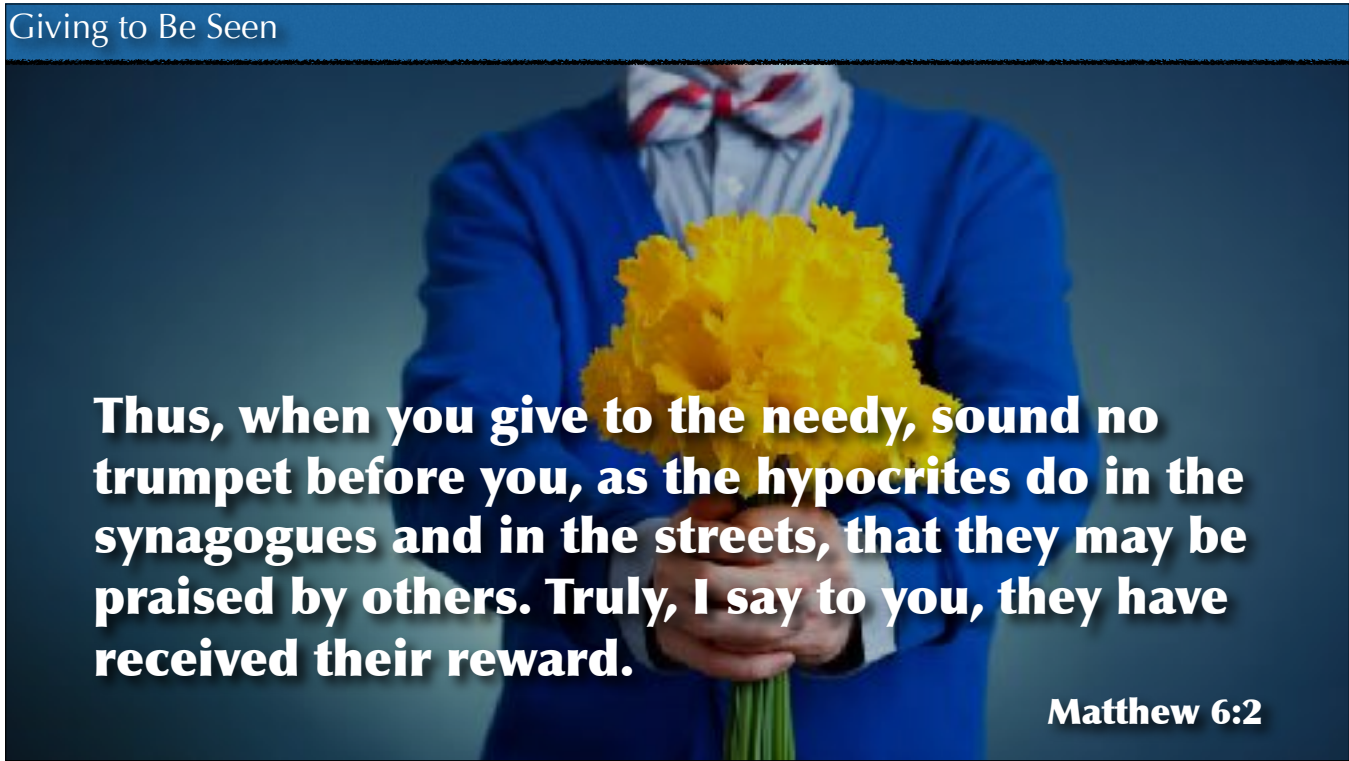
- How can giving every be wrong?
 - Giving is good; it helps those who are needy
 - Carson: “Be perfect, but be careful!”
 - But we must be careful of our motives
 - Why am I doing this?
 - To help the needy.
 - To help myself.



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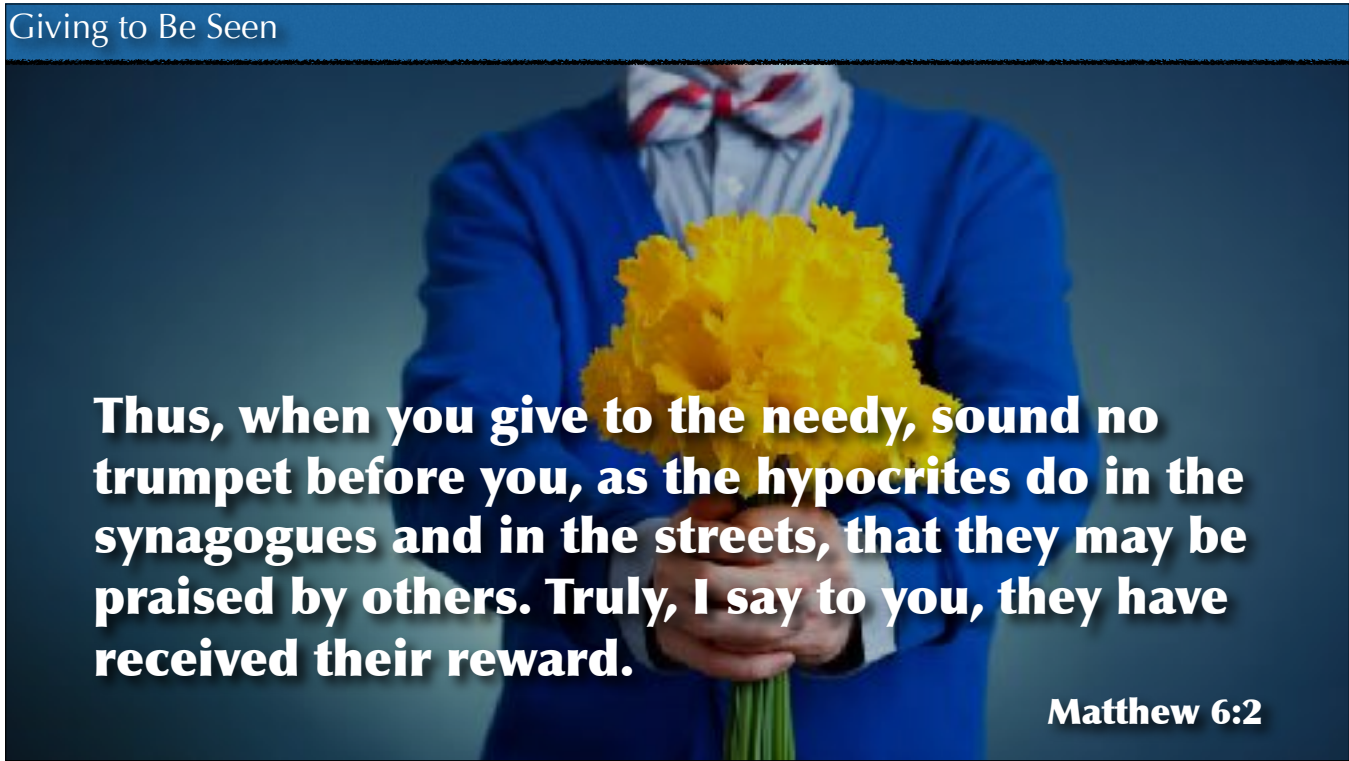
- Sounding the Trumpets
 - We don't literally blow trumpets like they did
 - Think it's ridiculous.
 - Don't advertise what you do
 - Speaking of it "nonchalantly"; accidentally let it slip;
 - but we make sure other's know what we are up to.
- There is a way of saying that you do not announce these things which just means that you are announcing them.



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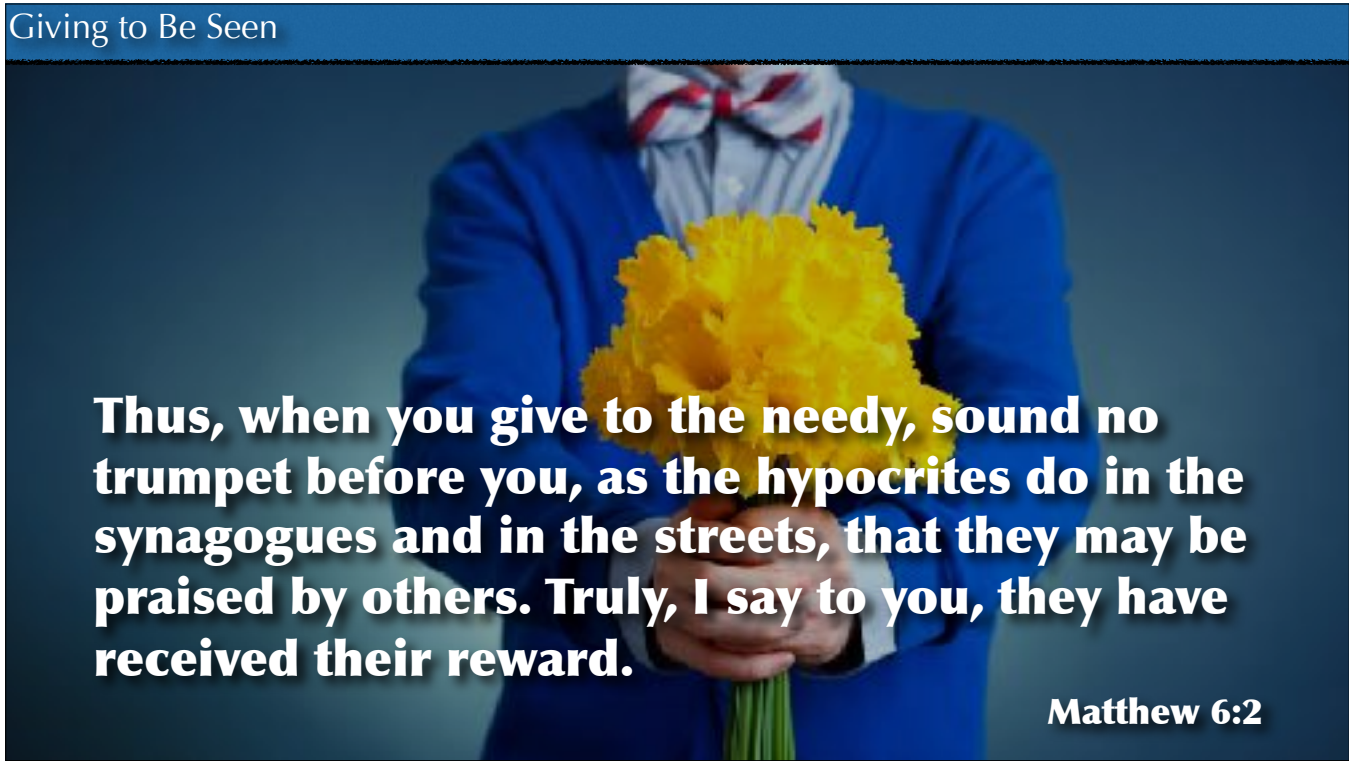
- Left and right hand; secret
 - Don't congratulate yourself
 - do not take your little book and put it down: 'Well I have done that. Of course I haven't told anybody else that I have done it.'
 - But you put an extra mark in a special column where exceptional merit is recorded.
- Even if no one else knows, but you privately focus on these deeds you are failing to be like Your Heavenly Father



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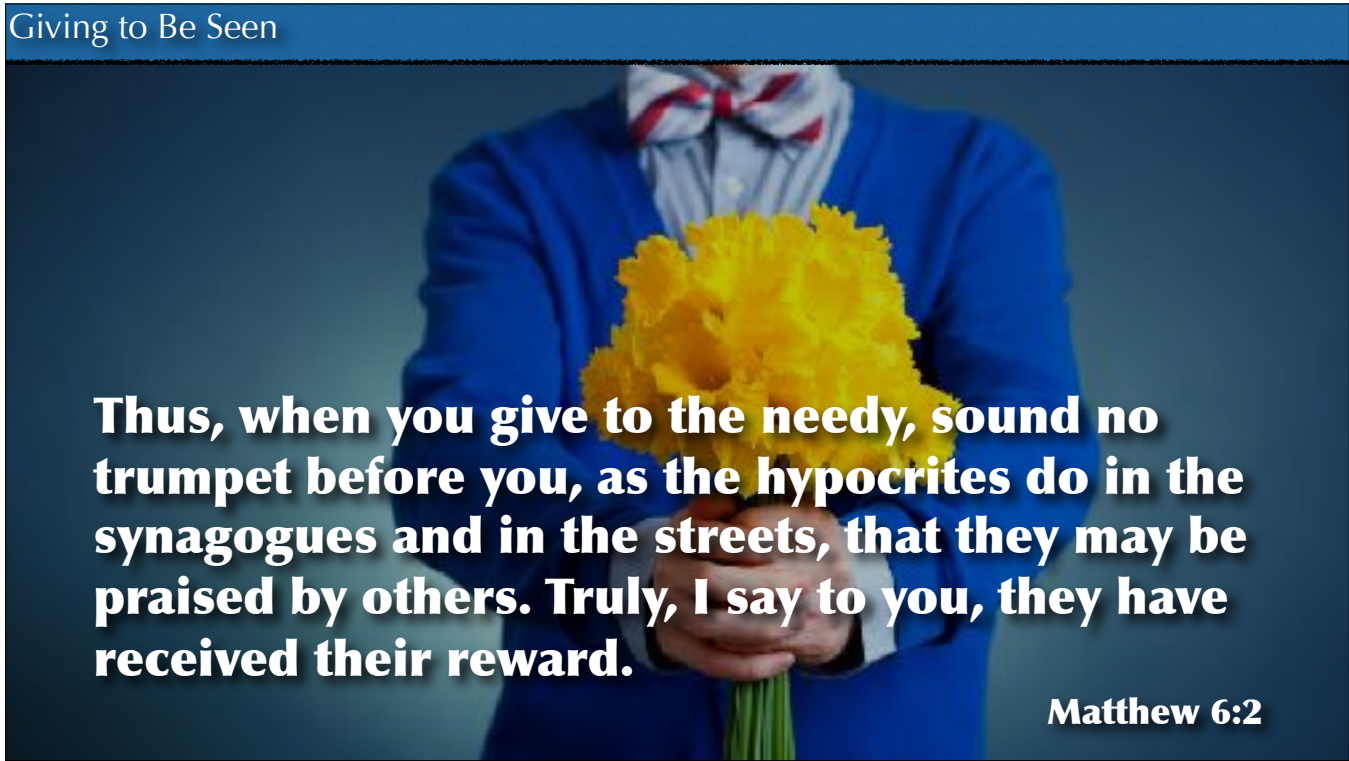
- They get their reward, they get their praise.
 - They get their names in the paper; articles are written about them;
 - there is a great deal of talk about them;
 - people write their obituary notices;
 - they get it all.



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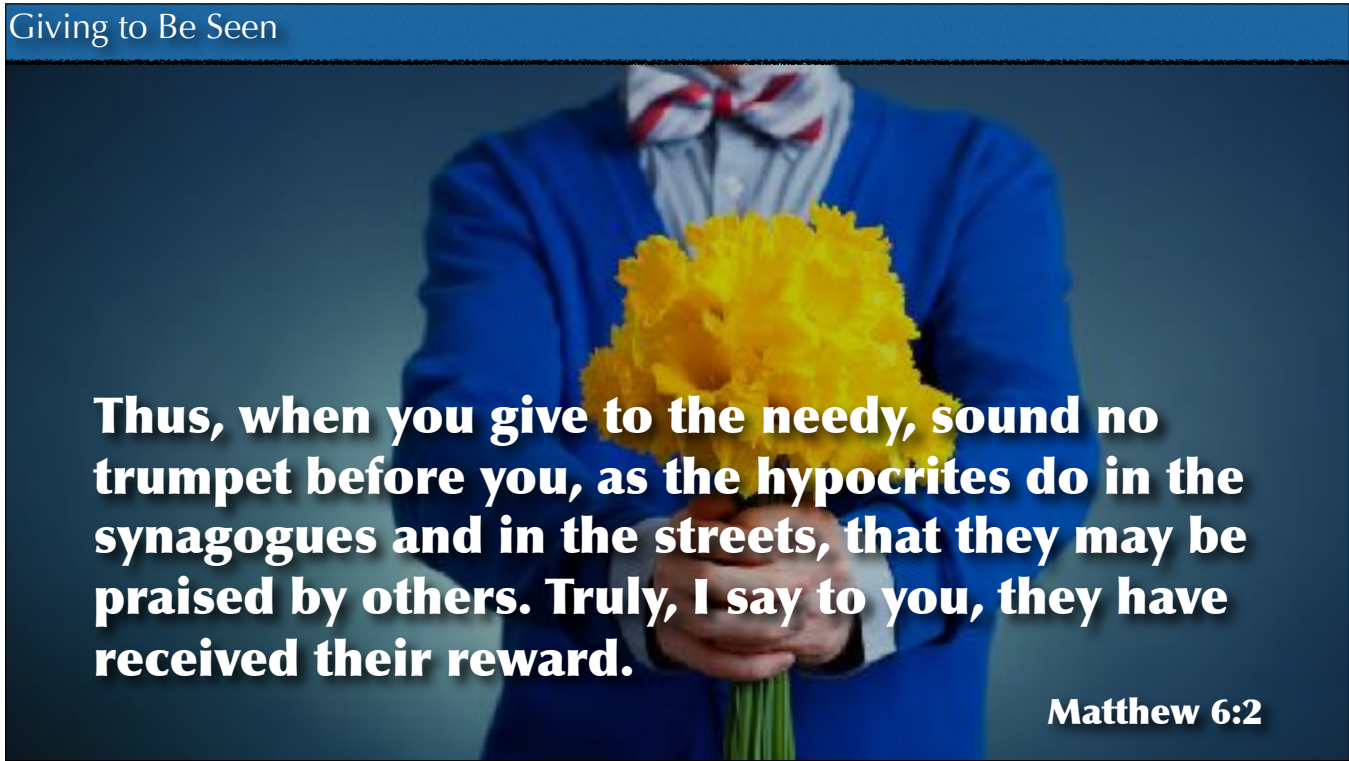
- Poor men, that is all they will get; they will get nothing from God.
- “With all of his giving, he never gives himself.”

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- The danger of hypocrisy, the sin of using righteousness to cover up sin.
 - Blatant hypocrisy is not so common (Pharisees testing Jesus)




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- Self-deceiving hypocrisy is much more common.
 - I think that I am helping just to help
 - But I make sure that I do it so that others see
 - I'm hiding it from myself.
- This is the hypocrisy of Ananias and Sapphira




- Giving in Secret: Matthew 6:3-4

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Matthew 6:3-4

- church Knew that Joseph had given the income from the sale of his land.
- Ananias and Sapphira tried to use their gift to make people think they were more righteous than they really were.
- Jesus
 - 2 Corinthians 8:9: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.



- Excelling in the Grace of Giving
 - 2 Corinthians 8:2-7 (ESV) 2 for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. 3 For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, 4 begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints— 5 and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us. 6 Accordingly, we urged Titus that as he had started, so he should complete among you this act of grace. 7 But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also.



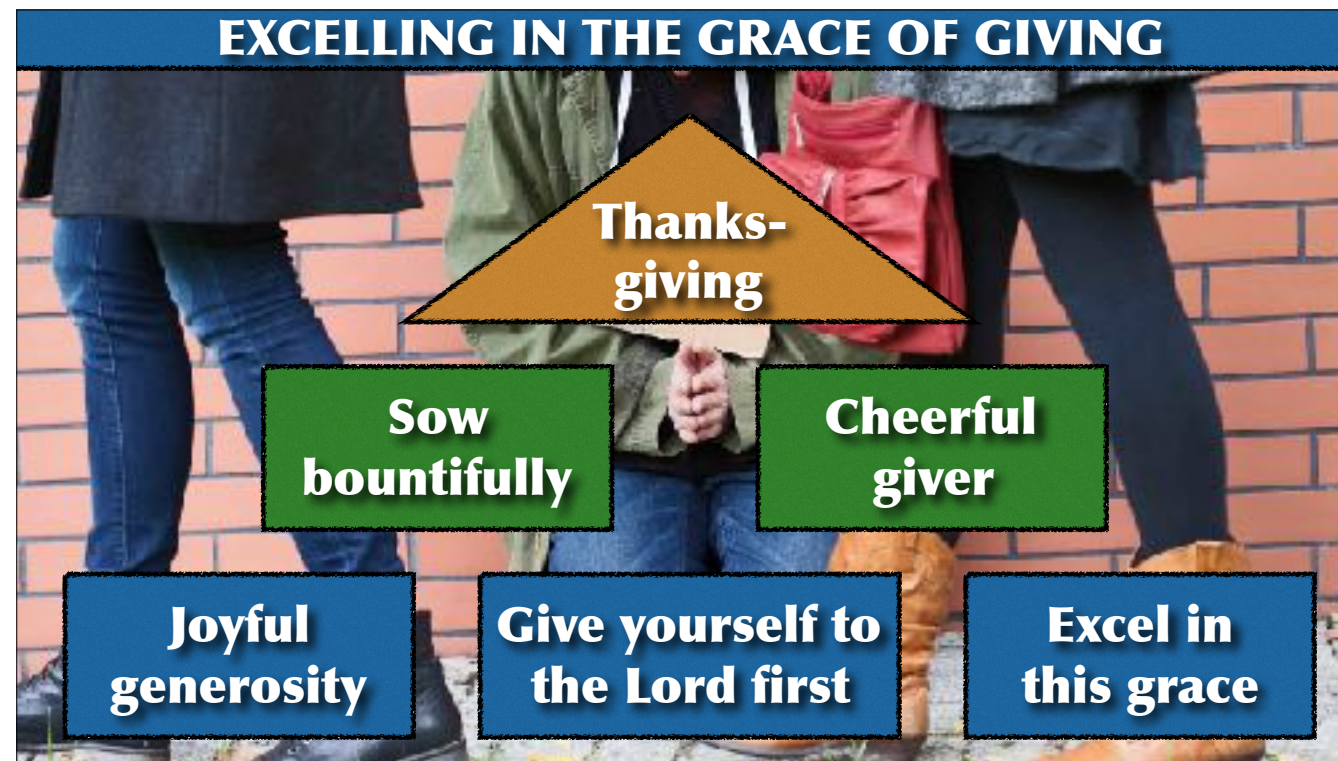
- Joyful Generosity (2)
- Gave themselves first to the Lord (5)
- Excel in this act of grace (7)



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 - Sow Bountifully (6)
 - Cheerful Giver (7)



- 2 Corinthians 9:11 You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.
 - Thanksgiving
 - Those who receive gift are thankful to God.
 - I thank God that He gave me the bounty to give to others.



- Are you a giver?
- Open Wide your hand!

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

Let all that you do be done in love.

1 Corinthians 16:14



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Open Wide Your Hand

Matthew 6:2-4

Synopsis: Jesus's first example of properly practicing your righteousness is about giving to the needy. Our God is a giving God and He has consistently expected his people to help those who are in need. However, as the contrast between Joseph and Ananias and Sapphira demonstrates, it's vital that we help because we want to help not because we want to be noticed. Paul reminds the Corinthians, and us, of the proper way to give righteously.

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