Series: The Ultimate Message: Rewarded For Serving Scripture: Matthew 5:16; Matthew 6:1-4 Speaker: Randy Pope Date: 30/31 July 2011

Matthew 5:16

¹⁶ "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 19:28-30

²⁸ And Jesus said to them, "Truly I say to you, that you who have followed Me, in the regeneration when the Son of Man will sit on His glorious throne, you also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

²⁹ "And everyone who has left houses or brothers or sisters or father or mother or children or farms for My name's sake, will receive many times as much, and will inherit eternal life.

³⁰ "But many who are first will be last; and the last, first.

Matthew 5:13-16

¹³ "You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt has become tasteless, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled under foot by men.

¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden;

¹⁵ nor does anyone light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house.

¹⁶ "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

Matthew 6:1-4

¹ "Beware of practicing your righteousness before men to be noticed by them; otherwise you have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.

² "So when you give to the poor, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be honored by men. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full.

³ "But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,

⁴ so that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

1. The Realization That Our Serving Impacts God's Reputation.

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Jim Collins, Good To Great

"Foxes pursue many ends at the same time and see the world in all its complexities. They are scattered or diffused, moving on many levels. They never integrate their thinking into one over all concept or unifying vision."

Eric Liddell

"I believe God made me for a purpose, for China, but He also made me fast, and when I run, I feel His pleasure."

NEXT WEEK:

2. The Realization That Our Serving Impacts Others' Lives.

Matthew 5:16

¹⁶ "Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.

3. The Realization That Our Serving Impacts Our Own Lives.

Matthew 6:4b

⁴... and your Father who sees *what is done* in secret will reward you.

John 12:26

²⁶ "If anyone serves Me, he must follow Me; and where I am, there My servant will be also; if anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

Matthew 6:19-21

¹⁹ "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

²⁰ "But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;

²¹ for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.