



# UPSIDE DOWN

## REWARDS THAT LAST

MATTHEW 6:1-4

### CHRISTIAN REWARDS

*Salvation is a gift by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone. (Eph 2:8-9)*

*Your life after salvation will be evaluated and potentially rewarded. (1 Cor 3:9-15)*

*Christians devote their lives to Christ to gain imperishable rewards. (1 Cor 9:24-27)*

### I. God rewards righteous actions that aren't \_\_\_\_\_ to be seen by others.

*"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." v. 1*

I'D RATHER BE REWARDED BY: ☐ OTHERS ☐ GOD

Talk to God \_\_\_\_\_ so you focus on His glory rather than being seen for your own.

### II. God rewards righteous actions \_\_\_\_\_ by right reasons.

*"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." v. 2*

I WANT MY ACTIONS TO BENEFIT: ☐ ME ☐ OTHERS

Serve \_\_\_\_\_ when you can to avoid getting the credit God deserves.

### III. God rewards righteous actions that go \_\_\_\_\_ by others.

*"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." vv. 3-4*

WHO I WANT TO PAT ME ON THE BACK: ☐ ME ☐ GOD

Bet on God, who always \_\_\_\_\_ on His promises and never overlooks anything.

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## DEVOTIONAL & HOME GROUP STUDY

1. Toward what area of church ministry do you most like to see your giving go? Do you have a favorite charity outside the church?

### FOR THIS WEEK

#### SCRIPTURE MEMORY VERSE:

MATTHEW 6:3

*"But when you give to the needy,  
do not let your left hand know  
what your right hand is doing ..."*

#### JOURNAL:

Matthew 6:1-4

"The great paradox of Christian reward is this: those who look for reward, and who calculate that it is due to them, do not receive it; those whose only motive is love, and who never think that they have deserved any reward, do in fact receive it. The strange fact is that reward is at one and the same time the by-product and the ultimate end of the Christian life."

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2. Read Matthew 6:1-4. Does giving always involve money? What other aspects of giving are there?

3. Is it wrong to desire rewards from God? Why or why not? See also Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5:12, 10:42 and 25:14-46.

4. What are some ways you would suggest to a new Christian to give "in secret"? If they asked you what rewards they would see for giving, what would you say?

5. How does Satan use hypocrisy to undermine the church? What hypocrisy in your own giving came to mind during the sermon or in this study, and how can you bring that to the Lord and ask for His help to correct?

### JOURNAL Matthew 6:1-4

In what ways has God rewarded you for giving? (Think in terms of needs that were met, connecting with God's heart, a sense of true fulfillment, how it increased your love, etc.) How do you hope to grow in your experience of giving even more this coming year, and what is your motivation for doing so?

## COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week at Christ Chapel. If you'd like to find out even more, visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events). That's a great spot to see what's coming up!

**REGISTER FOR KIDSCAMP TODAY.** Kidscamp is one of our favorite weeks of the year and we can't wait to share in all the fun with you. Children in Grades 1-4 will have a week learning about the gospel with crazy, unforgettable games, rock concert sing-alongs and stories of our strong and good God. Sign your children up today by visiting [ccbcfamily.org/events](http://ccbcfamily.org/events).

### ROCK N' ROLL INTO MUSICAMP THIS JULY.

Do you have children who love music and dance? Then mark your calendars for July 11-15! From catchy songs to choreography, your children will have a week full of dancing, singing and discovering the fun of making music that results in an entire musical by the end of the week. From the professional musicians and exceptional volunteers to the children in Grades 1-6, everyone will tap their feet to the beat. Learn more at [ccbcfamily.org/events](http://ccbcfamily.org/events).

### REMEMBER A LOVED ONE THIS EASTER.

Easter is a time of celebrating the new life we have in Jesus and the hope of resurrection. In light of that, if there's someone you'd like to honor or remember, we have an opportunity for you to purchase an Easter lily out of recognition, and their name will be in this year's Easter worship folder. You can learn more by visiting [ccbcfamily.org/easter2022](http://ccbcfamily.org/easter2022).

### FATHER AND SON PURE ADVENTURE

**RETREAT.** Your days as a father can quickly become full of distractions, and training your son requires continually pressing into Jesus and biblical community. You don't have to do this alone, and that's why we would love for you to join us on April 30 to spend a day with your son that he will never forget. Learn more at [ccbcfamily.org/events](http://ccbcfamily.org/events).

**MORE THAN JUST A WHALE TALE.** Have you ever dived into the book of Jonah and come out with questions? Then you will not want to miss this special one-day seminar with Dallas Theological Seminary President Dr. Mark Yarbrough on Saturday, April 2 at 8:30 a.m. in the Oak Room as he leads us through the book of Jonah.

### LOOKING FOR WAYS TO GET CONNECTED?

If you're ready to start calling CCBC home, then you'll want to check out our upcoming Connecting Point on Sunday, April 3, at 9 a.m. Connecting Point is a three-week class that helps you understand our story, your own faith story and how you can merge the two through membership. It's also a great time to meet new people and learn more about our background here at CCBC. If you want to learn more or sign up for a class, go to [ccbcfamily.org/cp](http://ccbcfamily.org/cp).

### LOOKING FOR THE CONNECT

**CARD?** Scan the QR code here to fill out a Connect Card. Our team will reach out this week to answer your questions and tell you more about Christ Chapel.

### IF YOU'D LIKE TO GIVE AN OFFERING TODAY, YOU CAN DO SO STRAIGHT FROM YOUR

**PHONE.** The process is quick and easy—text CCBCFW to 833-422-7200 to get started.

