

**DO YOU CLAIM TO BE A CHRISTIAN? IF SO...**  
**THE MOTIVE FOR YOUR RELIGIOUS DEEDS REVEALS YOUR TRUE IDENTITY**  
**Jesus confronts religious hypocrisy by addressing the heart motives**  
**Matthew 6:1-4**

- I. **JESUS GIVES AN OVERALL WARNING FOR THE OUTWARDLY RELIGIOUS: Take Heed not to do God things for man's outward praise, if you do you have no true reward (1)**
  
- II. **IN LIGHT OF HIS WARNING, JESUS GIVES INSTRUCTION IN THREE PRIME AREAS OF RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY THUS REVEALING WHO IS TRULY RIGHTEOUS: Do not Give, Pray or Fast for man to see, but do so for God, who sees in secret and will reward (2-18)**
  - A. **THE FIRST EXAMPLE OF RELIGIOUS ACTIVITY: ALMS (Giving to the poor) (2-4)**
    - 1. **Jesus' Instruction Concerning Alms (2-4)**
      - (a) **A Warning** to not seek mans praise like the Hypocrites do when giving Alms (2a)
  
      - (b) **The assurance** if you do, you have your reward already (2b)
  
      - (c) **Instruction** on how to give alms properly (3)
  
      - (d) **The promise** of heavenly reward (4)
  
    - 2. **The implied** message: (1-4)

**In the Next Weeks**

- B. THE SECOND EXAMPLE: PRAYER (5-15)**
- C. THE THIRD EXAMPLE: FASTING (16-18)**