

Developing a Secret History with God

Secret Giving

I. Introduction

II. Counsel I'd give to "Elm-Street Community Church"

- A. Participation
- B. Proportion
- C. Consistency
- D. Anonymity
- E. Encouragement

III. Biblical Principles for Giving

- A. Full participation
 - 1. Matt. 6:2 (NAS) *"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."*
 - 2. Matt. 6:21 (NAS) *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*
- B. Proportion
 - 1. Matt. 23:23 *"Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cummin, and have neglected the weightier provisions of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others."*
- C. Consistency
 - 1. Lam. 3:22-23 ²²The LORD'S lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, For His compassions never fail. ²³They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.
- D. Anonymity
 - 1. Matt. 6:2-3 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. ³But when you give to the poor, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing."
- E. Encouragement
 - 1. Matt. 6:4 (NAS) *So that your giving will be in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.*

IV. Conclusion

Upcoming Messages: 8/18-19, 2007 "Secret Praying"; 8/25-26, 2007 "Engaging in Spiritual Disciplines"