

Questions for Consideration—With the Master on the Mount—Lesson 10—
Matthew 6:1-4—The Contrasted Life of Holiness and Hypocrisy

1. (a) Read Matthew 6:1-4 as well as Matthew 5:13-16. Do you think these passages contradict each other? (b) How do you reconcile them? Use Scripture to back your answer.
2. Memorize Matthew 6:3, 4.
3. (a) How would you define a hypocrite? (b) How does Jesus define a hypocrite in Matthew 6:2, 5, 16; Matthew 15:7,8; Matthew 22:15-18; Matthew 23:13-15; 23-29. (c) What will happen to hypocrites according to Matthew 24:51? (d) What are some ways that we can be hypocritical? (e) How do you fight hypocrisy in your life?
4. (a) King David was a “man after God’s own heart” and yet he wrote Psalm 139 which deals with the glaring reality that God sees our heart and knows everything about us. We cannot hide any secrets or motives of our heart from Him. What accounts in King David’s life might have contributed to his writing of this Psalm? (If able, do some study to find out the background of this Psalm.) (b) Read over Psalm 139 meditatively and prayerfully asking God to show you any forms of hypocrisy in your life.
5. (a) What are some ways we as Christians “sound the trumpet” or “toot our own horn” to let others know how righteous we are? (b) Do you think praising others for things they have accomplished can aid in causing them to be self-righteous or prideful? (c) How do we balance honoring those we are to honor without causing them to be self-righteous? (Give some thought also to parenting your children and how to balance praising them for a job well done without contributing to their pride.)
6. What do you think Jesus meant in Matthew 6:4 in regards to being rewarded for giving in secret?
7. Hypocrisy is a subtle and deadly sin. Please my friend prayerfully consider this in your heart asking God to show you where you are failing. Write your need to share with others.