***The Sermon on the Mount***

**How to Give; Matthew 6:1-4**

**Background to Matthew 6:1**

* **Good works, public recognition, private acts**
* **Compared with Matthew 5:16**
* **Structure of Matthew 6:1-18**
	+ **Giving to the Poor, Matthew 6:2-4**
	+ **Praying, Matthew 6:5-15**
	+ **Fasting, Matthew 6:16-18**
1. **Avoid Hypocrisy in the Practice of Spiritual Disciplines**
* **The Spiritual Disciplines of Giving, Praying, and Fasting demonstrate a dependency upon God**
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 **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.

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.

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**Scripture Reading and Prayer**

* **Read Matthew 6:1-4 (Slides)**

**Exposition Matt. 6:1-4 (Slide 1 – Header Slide)**

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	* **Read Matthew (Slide )**
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4. **Practical conclusions (Header slide – slide )**
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Announcements:

1. Reading seminar at 5:00 on Seeing and Savoring Jesus by John Piper
2. Romans 12 study tonight.
3. Newcomers’ fellowship on August 22.
4. Prayer focus – 40 days of prayer