

MATTHEW

October 17, 2021

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QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. How do you react when you read or hear “Beware”?

How is your reaction different when you hear Jesus say, “Beware . . .” (v. 1)?

2. Contrast v. 1 with 5:16. Do they contradict? How are they to be reconciled?

3. Identify the three disciplines to be highlighted by Jesus.

- v. 2
- v. 5
- v. 16

How do they relate to “practicing your righteousness”?

4. What is giving alms (v. 2)? What is its significance?

5. What is the meaning of “hypocrite”? (Consult a commentary or study Bible if needed.)

Why is this so reprehensible to Jesus or the idea of righteousness?

6. What sort of giving exposes the hypocrite (v. 2)? What is the motive or intent of such a giver?

What is his reward?

7. What does Jesus mean by “do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing” (v. 3)? What is He suggesting?

8. What is the result of this kind of giving (v. 4)?

What reward does the Father give? (Is it here & now? Is it in the “sweet by-&-by”?)

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will not let my left hand know what my right hand is doing this week by . . .

I will focus on God’s attention this week by . . .

I will *beware* this week by . . .