

SECRET LIFE #2

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The Lord said to Samuel, “How long will you mourn for Saul, since I have rejected him as king over Israel? Fill your horn with oil and be on your way; I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem. I have chosen one of his sons to be king.” When they arrived, Samuel saw Eliab and thought, “Surely the Lord’s anointed stands here before the Lord.” But the Lord said to Samuel, “Do not consider his appearance or his height, for I have rejected him. The Lord does not look at the things people look at. People look at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart.” 1 Samuel 16:1, 6-7 NIV

SAMUEL IS PRIVATELY _____.

GOD IS PRIVATELY _____.

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“These people honor me with their lips but their heart is far away from me.” Matthew 15:8 NIV

GOD SAYS TO HIS MEN:

"The world is full of idolatries, but I question if any idolatry has been more extensively practiced than the idolatry of the outward appearance." William Blaikie

JESUS CALL TO A SECRET LIFE OF GENEROSITY: A DANGEROUS "WHY"

"Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven. Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

Matthew 6:1-4 ESV

DECIDE TO BE _____.

"Beware of practicing your righteousness before other people in order to be seen by them, for then you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven" Matthew 6:1

"They do all their deeds to be seen by others." Matthew 23:5 ESV

DECIDE TO BE _____.

"Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you," Matthew 6:2

"He made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness." Philippians 2:7-8 NIV

DECIDE TO BE _____.

“...as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others.” Matthew 6:2 ESV

“The greatest among you shall be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.” Matthew 23:11-12 ESV

DECIDE TO BE _____.

“But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret.” Matthew 6:3-4 ESV

“I focus on this one thing: Forgetting the past and looking forward to what lies ahead, I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us. Let all who are spiritually mature agree on these things.” Philippians 3:13-15 NLT

“Keep the thing so secret that even you yourself are hardly aware that you are doing anything at all praiseworthy. Let God be present, and you will have enough of an audience.” Charles Spurgeon

DECIDE TO BE _____.

“And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.” Matthew 6:4 ESV

‘Work from the heart for your real Master, for God, confident that you’ll get paid in full when you come into your inheritance. Keep in mind always that the ultimate Master you’re serving is Christ.’ Colossians 3:23-24 MSG

BE SECRETLY GENEROUS THROUGH ...

P_____ (2 Cor. 7:5-6)

P_____ (Acts 2:32-33)

P_____ (1 Timothy 1:14)

FOR DISCUSSION

**HOW SHOULD THE LORD “LOOKING AT OUR HEARTS”
AFFECT US POSITIVELY AND PERSONALLY?**

**WHY IS IT SO EASY TO PROJECT AND ACCEPT OUTWARD
APPEARANCES?**

**HOW WOULD CHRIST CENTERED “SECRECY” AS STUDIED
TODAY MAKE A MAN BETTER?**

**WHICH OF JESUS’ STATEMENTS ABOUT THE SECRET LIFE
HE CALLS TO STANDS OUT TO YOU? WHY?**

**IS THERE SOMETHING THAT GOD IS CALLING YOU TO DO
IN SECRET RIGHT NOW? Y/N ONLY**