



**THE
REWARD OF
RELIGIOUS
ACADEMY
AWARD
WINNERS**

Matthew 6:1-18

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- ✦ **Society honors good acting** – Oscars, money, press, political power & influence.
- ✦ **We live in a world where “make believe” takes priority over reality** – Recognition, financial reward, influence, participation . . .
- ✦ **Satan - the biggest promoter of “make believe”** – John 8:44; 2 Cor. 11:14; 1 John 2:15-17

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- ✦ **There are hypocrites in the church** – not a new problem, not an isolated problem, a destructive problem.
- ✦ **Some of the Lord's harshest criticisms were directed toward hypocrites** – Mat. 23
- ✦ **The hypocrite seeks the approval of men, not God – and their reward will be here and now – not heaven** – Mat. 6:1-18

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The Shameless Display of Hypocrisy . . .

What Is Seen In Our:

- ◆ **Deeds** – Charitable Acts of Service – Mat. 6:1-4
- ◆ **Devotion** – Worship And Praise – Mat. 6:5-15
- ◆ **Discipline** – Self Control And Acts of Humility – Mat. 6:16-18

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The Sinister Danger of Hypocrisy . . .

- ✦ **Idolatry** – Rom. 1:25; loves the praises of men more than the praises of God – John 12:43; Rom. 2:29
- ✦ **Deception** – of others – Mat. 6:1-18; of self – James 1:21-27; Ez. 33:30-33
- ✦ **Harms others** – Gal. 2:11-14; Mat. 23:13-15; 15:14
- ✦ **Keeps ones self out of heaven** – Mat. 7:21-23; They have their reward, (2,5,16)

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The Need For Serious Discernment . . .

- ✦ **Have I ever failed to serve God because I was concerned about what others might think?**
- ✦ **Do I do spiritual things – but always make sure others know about it?**
- ✦ **Is my private life consistent with my public life?**
- ✦ **Are you wounded when others get credit for what you did?**

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- ✦ **Have I ever stopped serving, giving, or attending because I was not recognized?**
- ✦ **Have I ever accepted praise for something I didn't do?**
- ✦ **Am I discouraged or defeated in my service to God because I find out someone else is a hypocrite?**

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The Need To Be Genuine & Sincere . . .

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- ✦ **Hypocrisy needs to be confronted – (Gal. 2:11,14)**
- ✦ **Hypocrisy needs to be admitted – (1 John 1:9)**
- ✦ **Hypocrisy needs to be repented of – (Rev. 2:5; 3:19)**
- ✦ **Good deeds and habitual worship cannot substitute for genuine conversion – (1 Tim. 1:5)**

