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## Serve Quietly

[Matthew 6:1-4](#)

*<sup>1</sup>Be careful that you don't practice your religion in front of people to draw their attention. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father who is in heaven.*

*<sup>2</sup>Whenever you give to the poor, don't blow your trumpet as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets so that they may get praise from people. I assure you, that's the only reward they'll get.*

As people of Christ, we are called to serve others whether they are known to us or not. In this passage we are given instructions to not be showy about our service to others. You don't need to announce what you are doing on a billboard to be rewarded for your actions. Your reward will come later.

As I think about this passage, many people in our church came to mind because of the way they served others and even our church. One gentleman, Jim, now passed, was one that served others in many ways without any fanfare. At his funeral service, during a time of sharing, several persons stood to testify as to how Jim had touched their lives. Jim is now receiving his reward.

Betty also came to mind. When a person's birthday or anniversary or other special occasion would come around, they would receive a greeting card from her. She did this quietly as her ministry of love for others. Betty is receiving her reward.

Fifteen years ago, our church decided to begin a Contemporary Service to reach out to younger people in the community. The service also offered a free meal. The service was just publicized by word of mouth. Soon we were seeing persons attending who were not who we had expected. People who had a need for food. The people received the Word and food. They are still served food out of love and helped with other needs. All without fanfare, just serving as Christ served.

Serve others as Christ served. Serve quietly without fanfare or hoopla for your reward will come later.

***Prayer:*** *Dear God, thank you for sending your son Christ Jesus to save our world, to show us how to love and serve others. Continue to guide us in our daily walk to live as Christ lived in serving others. Amen.*

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