

## **Getting to the Heart of the Matter Great Expectations - Breaking Free Matthew 6**

**Expectations** - a strong belief that something will happen or be the case in the future

- For ourselves
- For others
- From God -
  - What God Expects from us
  - What we expect from God

What happens when your expectations are not met? When people do not live up to your expectations? When you do not live up to your expectations? What happens when we have faulty expectations?

### **Performing Good Deeds Matthew 6:1**

- Beware of trying to measure up to the expectations of others
- Hypocrite -behaving in a way that suggests one has higher standards or more noble beliefs than is the case
- Putting on a mask

### **Performing the Good Deed of Giving Matthew 6:2-4**

### **Performing the Good Deed of Praying Matthew 6:5-8**

### **Performing the Good Deed of Fasting Matthew 6:16-18**

### **Common Theme in the Three Examples**

- Outward Performance to meet the expectations of what a good person

looks like (so I look like a good person)

- It has its own reward
- Performing good deeds in secret because I am a good person
- Father sees what is done - performing for an audience of one
- Father will reward you
- Reward - ἀποδίδωμι (apodidōmi) to give in answer to a claim or expectation

### **Prayer That Changes the Heart Matthew 6:9-15**

### **What Are You Storing Matthew 6:19-22**

### **Spiritual Vision Matthew 6:22-23**

### **Cannot Serve God and Things Matthew 6:24 Matthew 6:25-27, 32**

### **A Focus For Life Matthew 6:33-34**

### **God's Expectation for You Micah 6:8**

### **HCF Pathway to Connection**

- **Connection Point** - Guests get connected & meet the pastors
- **Lunch With Pastor** - Vision for Church shared
- **Rooted** - 10 week small group experience
- **Life Groups** - Living out our missional life with others