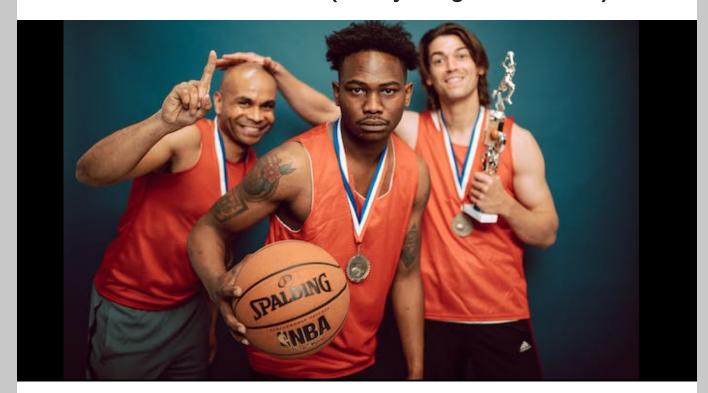




"Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, **They have their reward**."

## MEDITATE ON THIS (Everyone gets a Reward)



Would it be comforting and fair if everyone received a reward in the journey of life? In our Christian walk of faith, we strive to hear those blessed words from our Lord and Savior, 'Well done...' (Matthew 25:21). As Christians, we know that our faithfulness will be rewarded by God. However, in today's verse, Jesus tells us that even the unrepentant sinners or hypocrites will receive rewards. With this in mind, one might ask, what is the point of trying our best for the Lord if everyone will receive a reward regardless?"

In today's Gospel of Matthew verse (<u>Matthew 6:2</u>, <u>Matthew 6:5</u>, <u>Matthew 6:16</u>), Jesus warns His disciples not to boast, brag, or draw attention to themselves (like the hypocrites) when giving to charity, praying or performing religious acts of worship, or fasting from food. Jesus tells His disciples, 'Truly I say to you, they have their reward.'

When Jesus declared, 'they have their reward,' in reference to those performing good deeds solely for the purpose of gaining the praise and attention of others, He was asserting that such individuals would receive only that earthly reward and not a heavenly one. Therefore, while all will receive a reward, it is contingent on whom one serves. If you serve people, your reward will come from them, whereas if you serve God, you will receive your reward from God."

- Your brother in Christ, WNL

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Everyone gets a reward, make sure you get yours from God.

## PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Dear God, thank you for the encouragement and assurance that all the hard work I am doing for Your sake is not in vain. Help me persevere in working for the eternal reward that cannot be stolen or decayed. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

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