

YOUR SECRET LIFE WITH GOD

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The Presence of The Future, part 7

Hypocri-sy, *n.* the practice of claiming to have moral standards or beliefs to which one's own behavior does not conform; pretense.

BIG IDEA: Developing a secret life with God fuels and sustains our Salt and Light commission.

"Not like the hypocrites"

"Obvious to other people"

"In secret"

"God's reward."

1 The secret life is—_____ . It's hidden from others. (3, 6, 17)

Are you doing anything for show?

2 The secret life anchors into God's _____ and _____. (3, 6, 18)

(1 Kings 18:28; Ps. 51:6; 1 Sam. 16.7; Daniel 6:10-11; Mt. 25:21)

How much am I depending on others praise to feel good about myself?

How much am I relying on God for it?

"Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to curry their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. Whatever you do, work at

it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving." **Colossians 3:22-24**

3 The secret life is _____—now and later.
(4, 6, 18) (Rev. 14:13)

4 The secret life actively _____
_____.

"Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not people, because you know that the Lord will reward each one for whatever good they do, whether they are slave or free." **Ephesians 6:7-8**

WHAT TO DO?

Carry some extra money with you to give as you run across a person in need.

When you get some unexpected resources, ask God how he'd like them spent.

Start a daily prayer habit. Get a mentor to help. Change it up.

Fast *something* one day a week.