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# RE- FLECTING GOD

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Matthew 6:1-18

I hardly noticed the scraggly man hanging out by the entrance to the discount store on that winter afternoon in Chicago. My son and I were dashing in to pick up a couple of needed things for a project. We were in a hurry and it was cold outside. After making our purchases we hustled back outside. I hunkered into my jacket and scarf against the biting wind. My son's pace barely slowed as he stuffed a few bills into the man's hands and simply said, "Here ya go." Then he was next to me as we scurried back home.

I was briefly convicted that I had not done something as generous. However, I was proud that my son had. Perhaps I had grown a bit cynical, but my son simply showed compassion. I am not sure he even knew that I had seen his act of kindness.

In Matthew 6:1-18 Jesus warns us not to make a public display of our righteous acts, such as giving to the needy or prayer and fasting. For Jesus the heart of the matter for doing good things is our motivation.

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