


SERMON ON THE MOUNT

The background features a stylized landscape. On the right, there are jagged, teal-colored mountains. A path of teal dots winds from the bottom left towards the center. In the foreground, there are two black silhouettes of trees, one on the left and one on the right. The overall color palette is teal, grey, and black.

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A LOOK AT MATTHEW 5-7

Main Point

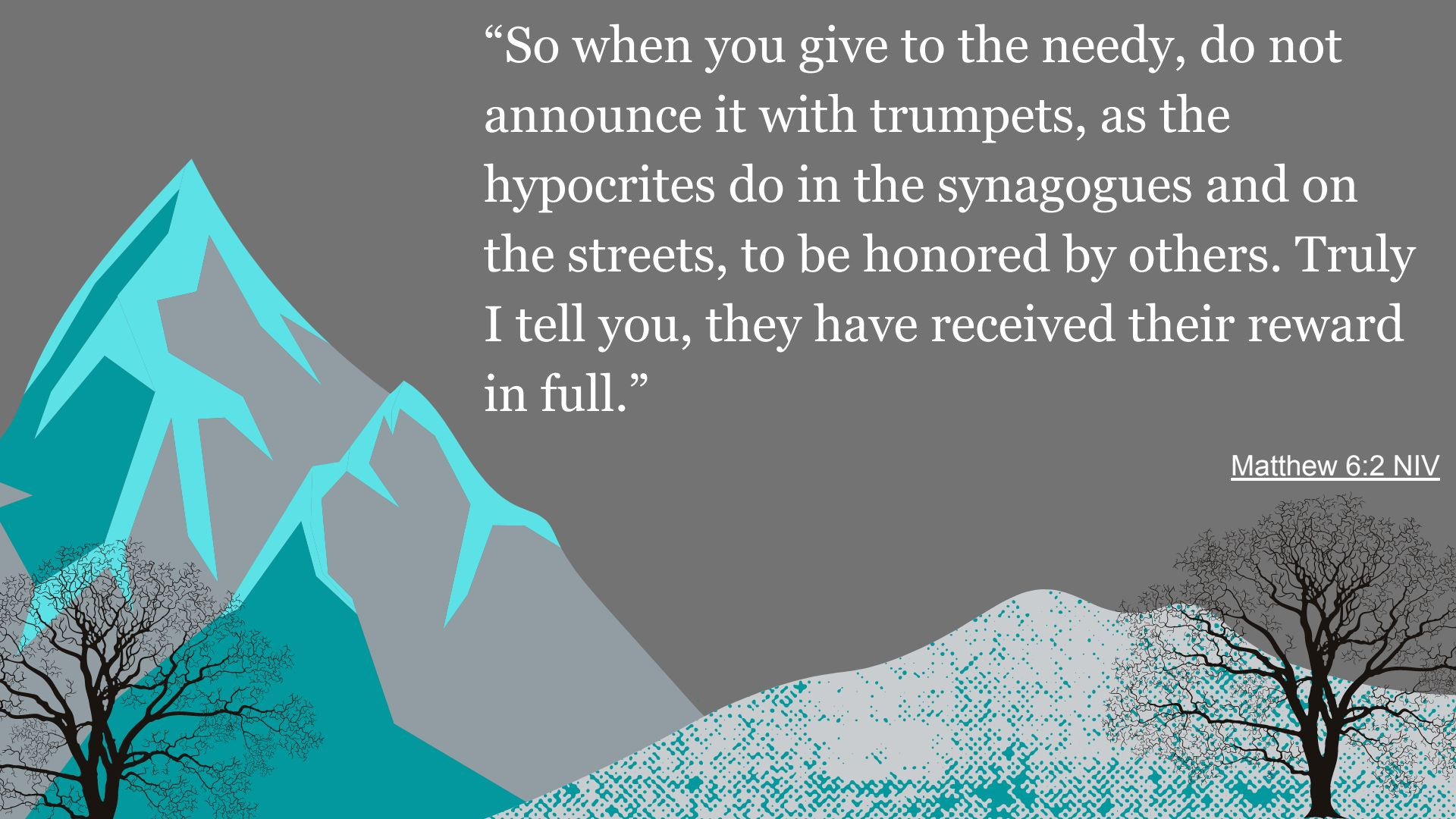
- Give like nobody's around



“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

Matthew 6:1 NIV



A stylized landscape illustration. On the left, there are jagged, layered mountains in shades of teal and grey. In the foreground, two dark, leafless trees stand on either side of a valley. The ground is covered in a pattern of small teal and white dots. The background is a solid grey color.

“So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.”

Matthew 6:2 NIV

“But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.”

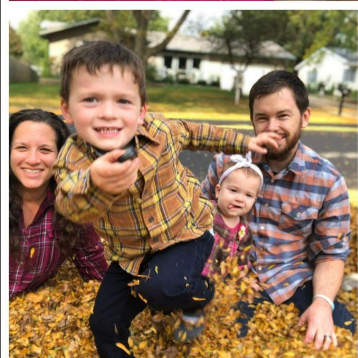
Matthew 6:3-4 NIV



Action: Give To The Needy

- WHEN we give, not if
- Israelites had instructions for giving types
- God doesn't want poor among us and He calls us to help





Caution: Don't Do It To Be Seen

- Don't draw attention to yourself
- Don't expect a reaction
- Don't do it for someone to acknowledge you



What Helps?

- “Secrecy”
- God is the audience of 1
- Check your internal motivation



Sing



like no one's listening



Dance



like no one's watching

The Reward

- Comes from God
- Joy we get from serving God
- Having God be pleased with us



Takeaway

- Give what is needed
- Check your heart for your motivation
- Treat giving like God, and nobody else, is watching

