

## **"Games People Play"** **Hide and Seek** **Matthew 6:1-8**

Matthew 9:12 On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick."

1 John 3:7-10a Dear children, do not let anyone lead you astray. He who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. He who does what is sinful is of the devil, because the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the devil's work. No one who is born of God will continue to sin, because God's seed remains in him; he cannot go on sinning, because he has been born of God. This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God...

### **1. OUR DEEDS**

Matthew 6:1 Be careful that you do not do your acts of righteousness before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.

Matthew 6:2-3 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 men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. 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 done in secret. Then your Father who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

### **2. OUR DEVOTIONS**

Matthew 6:5-8 And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your father knows what you need before you ask him.

Matthew 6:8b ...Your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

James 4:2 You do not have because you do not ask God.

### **3. OUR DISCIPLINES**

Matthew 6:16-18 When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full. But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, so that it will not be obvious to men that you are fasting, but only to your Father, who is unseen; and your Father who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

Matthew 23:25,26 Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside they are full of greed and self indulgence. Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and dish, and then the outside will also be clean.

Psalms 51:10 Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.