

April 30. True Charity

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Transcript

"But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing!" Matthew 6:3

There are some people who want every good thing they do, to be well advertised. If they give money to some good cause â€” they want to have it noticed in the papers. If they are kind to the poor or relieve some case of distress â€” they are particular that the matter should be duly published. They take pains that their charities shall not fail to be credited to themselves.

But this is not the kind of spirit our Lord enjoined on His disciples. He told them that seeking publicity marred the beauty of their charities; that instead of announcing to others what they had done â€” they should not even let their own left hand know that their right hand had been doing commendable things.

Of course, Christ did not mean that we should never give to charities â€” except where the act would be absolutely secret. It is the heart-motive that Christ was enforcing. His disciples should never give for the sake of men\

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