

## Matt 6:5

*And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.*

I am going to add two more verses to today's devotional verse, and when I do, tell me if you can spot what's the same about all three of them.

First off, here is today's verse:

† **Matt 6:5** *And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.*

And here are the other two:

† **Matt 6:2** *Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.*

† **Matt 6:16** *Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.*

Do you see it? No, it's not the word "*hypocrites*" even though it's in all three verses. Ok, I'll give you a hint; it starts with "*when*" and ends with "*you*".

*When you pray* **Matt 6:5**

*When you do a charitable deed* **Matt 6:2**

*When you fast* **Matt 6:16**

And who is saying these things? Well it's in red so you know that it's Jesus.

So, notice Jesus is saying "*when you*" not "if you". That's a huge difference, because the phrase "if you" means that it's optional. But when Jesus says, "*when you*" that means that it's something that we are supposed to be doing, like "when you breath", not "if you breath".

Jesus also didn't say *when you pray* and/or *when you do a charitable deed* and/or *when you fast* meaning that you must do at least one of them. No, He speaks of each one individually, which says that we should be doing all three of them.

Now that you know that Jesus wants us to do all three, *when you pray, when you do a charitable deed, when you fast*, are you going to do them?

† **Matt 7:24** *Therefore whoever hears these sayings of Mine, and does them, I will liken him to a wise man who built his house on the rock.*