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## Chapter 27: Left Hand Right Hand\*

## Discussion Sheet

**Scriptural Foundation:** “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. 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. 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 6:1-4 (NIV)*

**God’s Instructions:** Proverbs 23:7, 27:2; 1 Samuel 16:7; 2 Corinthians 9:6-7

1. In what ways could a donor announce their gift “with trumpets” today?  
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2. Are there some circumstances when we should let people know about our donations and gifts?  
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3. Do these principles of *secret* giving also apply when we give time and talents for free? Why or why not?  
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4. How can we know who/what God wants us to give to, and how much to give?  
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5. How can I set an example of generosity for others to be inspired by, and to copy themselves, if they don’t know about my giving?  
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6. List three guidelines to follow when you’re sharing stories about the generosity of other Christians.  
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7. What does God offer us to help us win our daily battle with the selfish desire to receive credit for giving His time, His talents and His treasures to others?  
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\* To be completed after reading chapter 27 of *HELP! I’ve Been Blessed!* by Julian Archer.

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*“When a person prospers, either God gains a partner or the person loses their soul.”*