

To Go

Secrecy

Matthew 23:1-12

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1. Why do you think social media is such a popular form of communication these days? What is good about it? What challenges does it present?
2. Read Matthew 23:1–12. To whom is Jesus speaking here? What warnings does he give about the spiritual practice of the Pharisees? What challenges does he give to his listeners? What is the goal of a maturing spirituality according to Jesus?
3. Read Matthew 6:1–4. Why does Jesus promote secrecy here and how does that relate to what he said in Matthew 23:1–12?
4. Where are you on the secrecy continuum? Do you tend towards privacy or towards transparency? How does your natural tendency on this continuum impact your relationship with God? Others? What can you learn from the discipline of secrecy and how can you apply it in your life?
5. Make a commitment this week to do at least one anonymous good deed for someone else. After you do it, make sure to keep it in secret, but write a reflection of what you experienced in your journal or on a notecard (or in an app), and offer it to God, thanking Him that He knows and that is enough.