

# Audience of One

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*“But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him.”*  
-Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)

## 1) How do we cultivate a desire for heavenly rewards more than worldly rewards?

a. Am I Wimpy? “I’ll gladly pay you Tuesday for a hamburger today.”

i. If your thoughts are not on eternity, **you cannot help** but seek the pleasures of this world.

**Matthew 6:21, 33**

ii. Did you notice? Charitable deeds are assumed (“when” not “if”).

b. What will rewards in heaven be like compared to rewards here?

i. Consider the Giver. **Matthew 7:11**

ii. Where are all of your little league trophies now? **Matthew 6:19-21**

c. Remember, where does REAL significance come from?

i. Seriously, what’s better than this? **John 1:12, 2 Corinthians 5:21**

ii. Why do we crave praise from man so much anyway? “I want to BE somebody!”

-Naven Johnson

iii. You too can have a hospital named after you...IF the price is right.

## 2) But why does it even matter? Can’t I have my cake and eat it too?

a. God is ALWAYS concerned about His glory

b. Only God deserves worship (even though we like it too)

c. Who is the real Author and Provider of our good deeds? **Ephesians 2:10**

## 3) Our audience of One

a. To do Matthew 6:1-4, I must really believe God \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

i. Don’t worry, He doesn’t miss a thing. **1 Timothy 5:25**

ii. There IS a payoff (don’t act like you don’t need one) **Matthew 6:4**

b. Doing in secret glorifies God (proclaims He is real in your heart) **Hebrews 11:6**

i. If you did not have faith, there would be no reason to do it

ii. Is this faith the reason God rewards us at all?

Why else would public deeds have no merit?

Of what value would our good deeds be to God otherwise?

