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Today's Scripture Passage: Matthew 6:1-18 ESV Pew Bible – Pages 811

"Giving, Praying, and Fasting to the Glory of God" (Matthew 6:1–18) Because God _______us, _____us, and ______us, Jesus calls us to a spiritual life that is motivated solely by a desire to _____ God. 1. If your ______ is to impress people, then you ______ your reward in heaven (v. 1). Three spiritual disciplines that we can turn into a religious show: a. Giving (vv. 2–6). Our giving should be marked by , not . b. Prayer (vv. 5–15). When you pray, follows you (v. 5). Prayer is to be _____ (v. 6). Prayer should be _____ (vv. 7–8).

Book Recommendations—Ben Patterson, *Deepening Your Conversation with God: Learning to Love to Pray*; Paul Miller, *A Praying Life: Connecting with God in a Distracting World.*

c. Fasting (vv. 16–18).