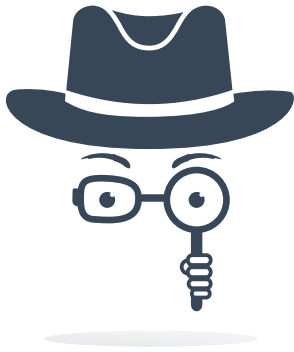




READ PHILIPPIANS 2:4

DAY 1



Have you ever done something nice just so everyone would see you do it and think you're awesome? Or maybe you didn't do it for everyone to see, but you certainly wanted the person you were serving to notice. If we're being honest, probably all of us have done that at some point.

Today, put on your undercover detective hat (imaginary, of course), and try to serve as many people as you can without them or anyone around them seeing. You'll probably find you have one of your best days ever when you serve others in secret.

KNOW that serving in secret is actually more fun than seeking applause!

READ MATTHEW 5:16

DAY 2

Matthew 5:16 may seem like it's contradicting what we're talking about this month. If we let our light shine so others can see it and see the good things we do, isn't that the opposite of serving in secret? Sort of, but the difference is in our intention. If we are serving others for praise and trying to draw attention to the good things we are doing so people will think we are awesome, that's not good. If people notice what we are doing, and we make sure they know we're serving others because God served us first, that's awesome! It shows others how Jesus has changed our lives, and it might make them want to know more about the God we serve!

Draw a line to the words that are opposites.

Secret	Boos
Attention	Criticism
Cheers	Silence
Applause	Ignore
Praise	Public

ASK God to give you a heart that seeks glory for Him and not for yourself.

Grab a special treat for yourself and a friend. Show the friend the treat in your hand, then put it behind your back and move it back and forth. Have your friend guess which hand it's in—left or right! If they guess correctly, they win the treat! If they don't guess correctly, they still win the treat!

Read Matthew 6:3 again. It may seem silly to think about your each of your hands knowing what the other is doing, but it doesn't literally mean your hands. Matthew is just saying we shouldn't go around bragging to other people when we are serving others in need. Hide your acts of service as well as you hide candy behind your back!



KNOW that no one needs to know when you serve someone in need.

Before you read Colossians 3:23-24, use the code below to read this secret message:

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Here's the good news, even when you serve in secret, it's never really a secret. God sees everything, and He knows when you are lending a hand to help someone else. Nothing makes Him happier than when His children love each other and serve each other like He served us.

KNOW that God sees when you lend a hand to help someone else!

