Secret Things

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INTRODUCTION

- We all have secrets, don't we? We all have something about us that others don't and maybe sometimes can't know.
- What about the things about you that I don't know? And that no one else on earth knows.
- I want to talk to you about some secret things this morning.

1 Good Things Being Done in Secret

Matthew 6:1–6

- Your brethren are good people. And because of that, there are many good and encouraging things being done in secret.
- Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men to be seen by them.
- When you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, that your charitable deed may be in secret. And your father who sees in secret will reward you openly.
- Prayers are being offered. Bibles are being opened and read and studied. Charitable deeds are being taken care of.
- Just because you don't get to see it doesn't mean it's not happening.

2 Be as Much a Christian in Secret as in Public

Hebrews 12:12–13

- Are you doing those good things that Jesus says we need to be about but doing them privately?
- There is nothing in the scriptures that would lead us to the conclusion that God is okay with a part-time Christian.
- You are just as much a Christian and a child of God when you leave this building as you are inside it.
- The answer to temporary failure is never permanent failure.
- Strengthen the hands which hang down and the feeble knees. And make straight paths for your feet. So that what is lame may not be dislocated, but rather healed.
- Decide, determine today that you're going to be as much a Christian in secret as you are in public.

3 People Are Going Through Hard Times in Secret

1 Peter 5:9; Colossians 3:12

- People are going through hard times, facing struggles. And to a large extent, they're doing that in secret.
- You don't know. Remember those three words. You don't know.
- Before we make rash judgments, before we speak in haste, realize you don't know.
- Resist him steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world.

- Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, and long suffering.
- Just know that you've got brethren that love you and want to help.

4 Some Secrets Are Just Bad

Luke 12:1–3; Hebrews 4:12–16

- There's also still sin being done under the guise of darkness.
- There's nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known.
- They're not really secrets, are they? Because somebody knows. And somebody sees.
- There is no creature hidden from his sight. But all things are naked and open to the eyes of him to whom we must give an account.
- Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.
- That's the answer to our secrets. Come to God. He already knows.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **What about you? What are you doing? Why not come to His throne this morning?**

MY NOTES