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Guilt and The Christ Mass Bonus

But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. [Mat 6:6 KJV]

True story. Around 12 years ago (approximately) as I was being strongly convicted by The Lord that Christ Mass was a pagan observation and unscriptural. The job where I worked offered a Christ Mass bonus every December. I mean it was substantial. Nothing to sneeze at. Multiplied thousands of \$\$\$.

However after the first year of taking that bonus and with the strong conviction I was under, I told myself I would be the biggest hypocrite if I were to accept another one. So I decided and secretly settled in my heart I would decline to take another Christ Mass bonus.

Lo and behold a few weeks afterwards the company announced they were doing away with the Christ Mass bonus and was instituting a performance based bonus system.

In my estimation this was a miracle. I had secretly purposed to place truth and principle ahead money. God rewarded me openly and in a big way. I had zero guilt taking a bonus after that.