

## **Secret Partners**

**Big Idea:** Invest anonymously in your teenagers' spiritual lives

**Supplies Needed:** a list of youth group members or ministry needs

**Key Bible Verse:** Matthew 6:3-4

If you have a smaller youth group or you'd like to fund some aspect of your ministry through personal involvement, try Secret Partners. Here's how it works. Make a list of the teenagers in your group, a list of the items you need for a ministry, or a list of specific ministry goals. Invite people in the congregation to consider becoming "secret partners" to come alongside the youth and support them or the ministry through their gifts.

For a biblical foundation, use Matthew 6:3-4: "But when you give to someone in need, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. Give your gifts in private, and your Father, who sees everything, will reward you."

I've used this idea at various times, and I've seen some terrific secret partners come alongside the teenagers. But of course, I don't know who the partners are. They are secret partners, after all.