

Introduction

1. The sermon on the mount continues in this chapter.
2. Powerful lessons from the Master Teacher.
 - a. Giving, prayer and fasting – (vs 1-18).
 - b. Wealth and the love of things of this life (vs 19-34).
3. Christ's emphasis on internal vs external righteousness.
4. Was the Lord's prayer an example of what we should pray today?



Select Verses

6:1 - *"Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven."*

6:5 - *"And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward."*

6:9 - *"After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name."*

6:19 - *"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal."*

6:24 - *"No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."*

6:33 - *"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."*

Select Thoughts / Themes

1. On what must the faithful child of God have His mind and heart properly focused. (cf Luke 12:15; Matt. 6:33).



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2. "When ye pray" (vs. 5-7) – how should one pray? Is prayer an optional action?
3. Is "fasting" an action in which Christians today should engage (vs 16-18)?
4. Does "take no thought" (vs 25-32) literally mean that we should not even think or plan for what we eat, drink, wear? Explain.
5. Is the Lord's prayer (vs 9-13) the exact prayer we should pray today? What is the purpose of this prayer?



To Consider Further...

1. What are some of the **main points** in this chapter of Scripture?
2. Are many guilty today of "*laying up treasures on earth*" and failing to "*lay up treasures in heaven*"?
3. What lessons do we learn from the fowls of the air and the lillies of the field?
4. What is meant by genuinely trusting in God's providential hand?
5. If we are serving God faithfully, working in the kingdom, what must we avoid as a diligent worker?