

MATTHEW 6

1. In Matthew 5:16, Jesus said to do good works to be seen by others. But here in 6:1, he says to beware of doing good deeds to be **seen by others**. What is the difference between these two commands?
2. Jesus said to not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing when you give to others. What do you think he meant by this statement?
3. In verses 5-6, Jesus said to not pray like the hypocrites. In verses 7-8, who does he tell us not to pray like? How did they pray? *Why* did they pray this way?
4. Look at the model prayer Jesus gives in verses 9-13. What are the requests that we are to make to God that have to do with *Him*? What requests are we to make to God that have to do with *ourselves*?
5. Look at verses 19-24. What two different types of **treasures** does Jesus mention? What two different kinds of **eyes** does he speak about? What two different **masters** does he speak of?
6. Jesus commands us to **lay up treasures in heaven**. According to I Timothy 6:18-19, how do we do that? What did Jesus tell the rich young ruler to do in order to have treasure in heaven (Matt. 19:21)? In Luke 12:33, what did Jesus tell us to do to have treasure in heaven?

7. Read verses 25-34. Write down each verse in which you see the word '**anxious**' (or your version may say '**worry**').

8. In verse 25, Jesus commands us to not worry or be anxious about our life or our body. Look carefully at verses 25-34. What are some reasons that he gives as to why we shouldn't worry about these things?

9. When the hypocrites would do good works to help others, Jesus said that they would **blow the trumpet** to call attention to the good works they were doing. What are some ways that we may 'blow our own trumpet' to call attention to something good that we have done? What are some things you are tempted to 'toot your own horn' to others about?

10. Jesus teaches about the topics of giving (vv. 2-4), prayer (vv. 5-6), and fasting (vv. 16-18). There are a lot of similarities between each of these three sections. Write down every similarity that you can find. In other words, what words, phrases, or ideas do you see repeated in each of these three sections?