

## Questions On Matthew Chapter 6

1. This chapter largely describes the misuse or misappropriation of otherwise good and honorable religious practices. What 3 practices are discussed that had been misused by the Jews of Jesus' time?
  - a. How were the hypocrites misusing the practices?
  - b. In each case, what was said about the "reward?"
  
2. People sometimes make the mistake of assuming that Jesus was condemning all public giving and praying since He spoke of doing these things "in secret." However, what phrase are such people ignoring in verses 1 and 5? (and similarly in verses 16 & 18). *Hint: It speaks to the faulty **motives** of the ones praying, giving and fasting.*
  - a. Was the giving in Acts 4:34-37 completely secret? What do we know about the giving of a certain individual there?
  - b. Was the praying in Acts 4:24-30 secret? *righteousness sake?*
  
2. What warnings does Jesus issue in verse 7 about prayer?
  - A. While it is possible for one to violate these two prohibitions today, what does the context teach us about the motives of those doing these things?
  
3. What important observation is made about prayer in verse 8 and how is it illustrated in Daniel 8:23?
  
4. One of the requests mentioned in the model prayer was

Matthew  
6:9-14 is  
also  
recorded in  
Luke  
14:34-35

that God's kingdom "come." Many people still pray for this today, but what do we need to remember about the time when Jesus taught this prayer with respect to the time of the coming of the kingdom? (remember Matthew 3:2 and 4:17)

5. What connection is made between forgiving others and being forgiven? (vs. 12, 14-15)
6. *Thought question:* Where did "fasting" originate? Was it commanded in the Law?
  - a. How did the *hypocrites* show their fasting and what was their purpose in doing these things (vs. 16-18)
  - b. What did Jesus say to do when fasting?
7. Matthew 6:19-21 may appear to warn against property ownership and maintenance, but how does verse 21 explain the real point of the passage?
8. How is the "eye" the "lamp of the body?"
9. What two "masters" are mentioned in verse 24?
10. What attitude or disposition is warned against in verses 25-35 and *why*?
  - a. What illustrations are cited in verses 26 and 28?
11. What is to be sought first above all other things?

Matthew 6:22-23 is also found in Luke 11:34-36 and Matthew 6:25-34 is also recorded in Luke 12:22-31