

Matthew 6

King James Version (KJV)

6 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. (These are people who put on a show, in front of others, to brag about how "generous" they are to the church. They put on a show to glorify themselves. If you are going to give, then give secretly and humbly and receive God's blessings)

²Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. (hypocrites= stage actors, play actors) (Their inflated ego and self pride is their reward. God won't give them any more reward)

³But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth. (A gift to God is a private affair between you and God)

⁴That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

⁵And 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. (hypocrites= play actors; looking so holy before other people)

⁶But 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. (Don't put on a show for others. God knows your thoughts. You don't have to pray out loud)

⁷But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. (This refers to chanting prayers, written by other people, repetitiously, over and over; as the muslims do) 1Kings-18:25-26

⁸Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

⁹After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. (Pray to the Father; Jesus was God in the

flesh. HE was just a part of the Father Himself; not His "son" as many people teach. Jesus said – If you've seen me, you've seen the Father)

Genesis-1:26-28 (God said Let us make man in our image. He made the flesh body we know as Jesus; and we made our flesh bodies)

¹⁰ Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
(Pray that God's will be done; not yours)

¹¹ Give us this day our daily bread. (In the Greek manuscripts, this is a unique saying that is reminiscent of the manna that the Israelites received in the wilderness every day. Spiritually, the manna from God today, is His Word, taught to us every day)

¹² And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. (debts= faults or trespasses against others) (debtors= those who do us wrong)

¹³ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen. (evil = the evil one <Satan> – Septuagint translation)

¹⁴ For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you: (This also means to forgive yourself when you make a mistake. You are not better than anyone else. We all make mistakes)

¹⁵ But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

¹⁶ Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. (They indulge in self-pity – suffering for God's sake. They put on an ego-boasting show to get sympathy and adoration from other people. That is their only reward. They'll receive nothing more from God)

¹⁷ But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face;
(Don't look like a victim. If you offer anything to God, do it gladly and gratefully)

¹⁸ That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly. (God doesn't ask us to fast. Some people do it in repentance for their sins. It was common in the days of this writing)

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

Ecclesiastes-1&2 (All material things of this world are empty and vanity. None will last. However if God blesses you with wealth accept it humbly and gratefully)

²⁰ But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: **(Your good works here on earth will be your reward in Heaven)**

²¹ For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. **(Keep your eye on the real prize)**

²² The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. **(single = clear, bright) (The eye mirrors the soul. You can see it in people – light or dark)**

²³ But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is that darkness! **(The darkness keeps you from seeing the truth. You won't understand anything that Jesus taught)**

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. **(mammon= riches or wealth that was not earned honestly- ill gotten gains)**

²⁵ Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? **(Plan your life properly; don't waste time worrying about what might happen)**

²⁶ Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? **(God feeds the animals; He'll provide for you also)**

²⁷ Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? **(Worrying won't add one second to your life)**

²⁸ And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin:

²⁹ And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.

³⁰ Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? (Have faith in God and you'll pull through)

³¹ Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed?

³² (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. (Gentiles- these are the nations of unbelievers and the heathen)

³³ But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. (Make an effort to find it, and God will reward you)

³⁴ Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. (Take care of today, and don't worry about tomorrow)