

Lesson #7- Matthew Chapter 6 Questions for Discussion:

Jesus continues in chapter 6 with His sermon on the mount. In every teaching that Jesus takes up, He moves quickly past appearances to an examination of the heart. The disciples Jesus is calling into citizenship in His kingdom will behave and operate by very different standards than the world adheres to.

1. Jewish culture and religion placed a high value on almsgiving, the practice of providing relief to the poor, most often in the form of a monetary gift. Throughout the law and prophets, and extending into the New Testament, the Bible also requires that the poor be cared for. What rules did Jesus lay down for almsgiving and what do you think are the reasons?
2. What were the three directives Jesus gave concerning prayer, right before giving His disciples an example of how to pray?

3. How would you break down the major teachings from the model prayer? Discuss each.

4. In verses 19-24, Jesus teaches about treasure. What do you think is a good indicator of what you treasure the most?

5. The chapter ends with Jesus' teaching about worry. Most everyone agrees that worry is not good, but the wisdom of the world offers council far different than that of Jesus. What did Jesus teach and what other passages of Scripture address worry?