

## Questions on Matthew chapter 6

1. Is it possible to do the right thing in the wrong way or for the wrong motive? Explain your answer. Verse 1.
2. What was the real reason for “the hypocrites” giving alms? Verse 2.
3. Is it possible to follow this command literally? If not, what is the meaning? Verses 3-4.
4. Did “the hypocrites” sin in standing and praying publicly or in being seen of men and loving it? Verse 5.
5. Do you think it is necessary to literally enter your closet and shut the door to pray acceptably? If not, why not? Verse 6.
6. Can you think of a heathen’s prayer in the Bible that constituted vain repetition? Verse 7.

7. Can you think of some reason for praying even though your Heavenly Father already knows your needs? Verse 8.

8. What are some elements of “the Lord’s Prayer” that should be included in our prayers? Verses 9-13.

9. Does God tempt us, or only allow us to be tempted and tested? Verse 11.

10. What is the basis upon which our trespasses (sins, Luke 11:4), may be forgiven? Verses 14-15.

11. What is the difference between “treasures on earth” and “treasures in heaven?” Verses 19-20.

12. The literal meaning of the word usually translated “rust” (Greek: *brōsis*) is “to eat.” Following this literal meaning, what is made to disappear? Verses 19-20.

13. What does it mean to fast, and what was wrong with “the hypocrites” who fasted? Verses 16-18.

14. How do you think thieves were able to “break through” and steal in Jesus’ time? Verses 19-20.

15. Do you think Jesus prohibits prudent saving for the family or is His concern having the heart or affections set on riches and wealth? Verse 21.

16. If a man’s convictions, formed by his “eye” or world-view, are mistaken or wrongly oriented, can they be trusted to teach him the truth about wealth and worry? Verses 22-23.

17. Why can’t we serve two masters? Who or what is mammon? Verse 24.

18. The American Standard Version renders this phrase, “take no thought,” as “be not anxious.” About what are we not to be anxious? Verses 25, 31, and 34.

19. How does God feed the fowls of the air and clothe the lilies of the field, and what does this fact reveal about how He feeds and clothes us? Verses 26-30.

20. What is the point of each of the following figures?

The life more than meat, and the body more than raiment: (Verse 25)

Fowls of the air: (Verse 26)

Add one cubit unto his stature (measure of his life): (Verse 27)

Lilies and grass of the field: (Verse 28)

Gentiles seek all these things: (Verse 32)

Morrow shall take thought for the things of itself: (Verse 34)

21. What is the kingdom that we must seek first? Verse 33.

22. What is "His righteousness" that we must seek first? Verse 33.

23. What kind of “evil” was Jesus talking about? Verse 34.