

Heavenly Father

Matthew 6:1-18

Key Verse: 9

1. Why did Jesus say "Be careful"? (1) Why is giving to the needy an important part of Christian life? How can it be hypocritical? (2) How can we give to the needy for God's reward? (3-4) Notice the repetition of the words "in secret".
2. Why do we need to pray? What kinds of prayer are insincere? (5, 7-8) How can we pray to get God's reward? (6)
3. What is the character of our Heavenly Father? What does this show about engaging our relationship with God? (9) What kind of confidence does Jesus want us to have? (Heb 4:16; Eph 3:12) Why does prayer begin with worship? (God's name, His kingdom and His will) Are you in sync with God?
4. What needs are we praying for in verses 11-13? How is our prayer an expression of our faith? How is forgiveness at the heart of a Christian life? (14-15; Eph 1:7) What does true forgiveness look like?
5. Why is fasting a practice of righteousness? In what two ways can it be practiced? (16-18) For what reward should we fast?