

Study Notes and Questions for Matthew Chapter Six

- According to Jesus, how are we to do acts of charity? (6:1–3)
- Why does Jesus mean when He repeatedly states in these sections, “**they have received their reward**”?
- What kind of rewards can we expect from the Lord as promised in verses 4, 6 and 18?
- Describe what a prayer might be like that includes “**empty phrases**” and “**many words.**”
- How might you use the model of the Lord’s Prayer to help a new believer start a habit of prayer?
- Discuss the statement made by Pastor Paul that a believer’s refusal to forgive the sins of others exposes the fact that they have no real understanding of what Jesus did for them on the cross. Why do you believe this is or isn’t true?
- What does it mean to “**lay up for yourselves treasures on earth**”?
- What does it mean to “**lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven**”?
- What does Jesus mean when He says “**...where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**”
- Why is it impossible to serve two masters?
- In **verses 22 and 23** Jesus uses the metaphors of light and darkness. What is He warning us about in these verses?
- Why do you think Jesus spent so much time in this chapter exposing the potential for hypocrisy in our Christian lives?
- Jesus refers to those who worry as “**you of little faith.**” Why is that?
- Explain how both worry and faith can become habitual?
- What does it mean to seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness?
- What promise does Jesus give for those who seek the kingdom of God first?