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Chapter 6

- (1) 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.
- (2) Therefore 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.
- (3) But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth:
- (4) That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.
- (5) And 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.
- (6) But 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.
- (7) But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen *do*: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking.
- (8) Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.

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- (1) Take heed that you do not do your charity before men, to be seen by them: otherwise you have no reward from your Father Who is in heaven.
- (2) Therefore when you do *your* charity, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have praise from men. Truly I say to you, They have their reward.
- (3) But when you do charitable works, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing:
- (4) That your charity may be in secret: and your Father Who sees in secret He Himself shall reward you openly.
- (5) And when you pray, you shall not be as the hypocrites *are*: because they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Truly I say to you, They have their reward.
- (6) But you, when you pray, enter into your closet^a, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father Who is in secret; and your Father Who sees in secret shall reward you openly.
- (7) But when you pray, do not use worthless repetitions, as the heathen {ungodly; pagans}^b *do*: because they think that they shall be heard because of their many words.
- (8) Therefore do not be like them: because your Father knows the things you have need of, before you ask Him.

6:6a - enter a closet to pray - note that Jesus did not say to pray only in our minds - I believe the reason is because angels who are watching us cannot read our minds - and our lives and our prayers are also a witness to them -- so we pray out loud for their benefit, but not to be heard by men - this does not mean that we shouldn't also pray in our minds, but for the benefit of angelic beings we should also pray out loud as we have opportunity.

Eph. 3:10

6:7b – heathen; ungodly - pagans - those who worship false gods

6:9c - Luke 11:2

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(9) After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.
(10) Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as *it is* in heaven.
(11) Give us this day our daily bread.
(12) And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
(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.
(14) For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:
(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.
(17) But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face;
(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.
(19) Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:
(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:
(21) For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

(9) Therefore you pray in this way: °Our Father Who is in heaven, May Your Name be honored.
(10) Let Your kingdom come. Let Your will be done on earth, as *it is* in heaven.
(11) Give us today our daily food.
(12) And forgive us our debts, as we forgive those who are in debt to us.
(13) And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil: Because the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, forever. Amen.
(14) Because if you forgive men their sins against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:
(15) But if you do not forgive men their sins against you, neither will your Father forgive your sins.
(16) Moreover when you fast, do not be, as the hypocrites, appearing sad: because they distort their faces, *in order* that they may appear to men to fast. Truly I say to you, They have their reward.
(17) But you, when you fast, anoint your head, and wash your face;
(18) So that you do not appear to men to fast, but *only* to your Father Who is in secret: and your Father, Who sees in secret, shall reward you openly.
(19) Do not lay up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal:
(20) But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal:
(21) Because where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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(22) The light of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light.

(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!

(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.

(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?

(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?

(27) Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?

(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?

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

(22) The light of the body is the eye: if therefore your eye is good, your whole body shall be full of light.

(23) But if your eye is bad, your whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you is darkness, how great that darkness is!

(24) No man can serve two masters: because either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money^c.

(25) Therefore I say Do not take thought for your life, what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor even for your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?

(26) Consider the birds of the air: they do not sow, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much better than they?

(27) Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit^d {about 18 in.; 0.46 m.} to how tall you are?

(28) And why worry about your clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they do not toil, neither do they spin:

(29) And yet I say to you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not dressed like one of these.

(30) Therefore, if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, *shall He* not much more *clothe* you, O you of little faith?

(31) Therefore do not worry, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, With what shall we be clothed?

6:24d – mammon – the god of money or wealth - materialism

6:27e - cubit - about 18 inches or 0.46 meters – see [Appendix J: Bible Weights and Measures](#)