

- (1) General concept (6:1)...don't do things to be seen of people.
- (2) Deeds of mercy (6:2-4), no announcement, no planned self-end, no communication..just do them!
- (3) Prayer (6:5-15), no publicity, no commotion, no solicitation but, just pray.
- (4) Spiritual acts (6:16-18), no desire to impress, no temporal gain, just do what the Lord allows.

Note that for all of these, the Father who sees in secret will reward openly and therefore we do not need to seek the external reward for ourselves.

d. Maturity lessons in values 6:19-34

This is a little harder to grip as values are intangible. But the Lord's lessons on the subject are pointed: make spiritual values what you really seek.

- (1) Regarding possessions 6:19-23
- (2) Regarding affairs of life 6:24-30
- (3) Retarding the needs of the body 6:31-32
- (4) Regarding the worries of the world 6:33-34

There is some overlapping in these but the general boundaries are valid. Our treasure will tend to govern our lives so the provision of God is best knowing that He alone can really know what we need and has as well the power to provide it. Spiritual maturity is a matter of growth towards the point where one will trust God for reward, sustenance and guidance.