

AND HE OPENED HIS MOUTH, AND TAUGHT THEM...TRUTH CONCERNING SPIRITUAL MATURITY

<u>Life Areas</u>	<u>Procedure</u>	<u>End in View</u>
<u>MATURITY OF PRACTICE</u> 6:1-18 (vs 1 is introductory) Deeds of Mercy (6:2-4) give Words of Prayer (6:5-15) Offer (make) Spiritual acts (6:16-18) Do	<u>PERFORMED PRIVATELY</u> no announcement, v. 2 no hypocritical end, v. 2 no communication v. 3 no publicity vv 5-6 no commotion v. 7 no solicitation v18 firm dependence vv 9-13 worship v. 10 petition vv 11-13a trust v. 13b no selfishness vv 14-15 no ostentation v. 16 no impression v. 18	<u>FOR GOD, NOT MAN</u> The Father, insecret: sees, v. 4 rewards v. 4 The Father, in secret, sees (v. 6 knows v 7 answers v. 8 gives and forgives 12-14 The Father, insecret: sees v. 18 rewards v. 18
<u>MATURITY OF VALUES</u> Possessions 6:19-23 Affairs of life 6:24-30) The Needs of the Body 6:31-32) The Worldly worries 6:33-34	<u>HIS KINGDOM FIRST</u> no earthly loves vv19-20 no misapplied ideas 22-23 Cannot serve God and greed v. 24 No over-concern with fleshly things v. 25 No self-occupation v 27 f No grievous concern.... food v. 31 drink v. 31 clothing v. 31 Leave tomorrow with God v. 34	<u>ETERNAL, NOT TEMPORAL VALUES</u> Your treasure will govern your life. The provision of God is best (v. 26) The Father best cares for you v. 30 The Father knows (v. 32 The Father provides what is best.

Spiritual maturity, in this light, is growth to the point where one will trust God for his reward, sustenance and guidance. His maturity is complete when he trusts the Father utterly.