

Matthew 6:1–18 — When you pray, when you give...

1.) 6:1 – What is the general principle that Jesus gives?

Why would the Father refrain from giving any “reward”?

2.) 6:2-4 – What were some people doing when they gave?

Is the context primarily about giving to the Lord’s work – or something else?
Does that make any difference?

How does Jesus instruct us to avoid sin?

In what practical ways can we follow his teaching?

3.) 6:5-6 – What were some people doing when they prayed?

Compare Luke 18:9–14.

What does Jesus tell us to do?

Does this rule out prayer meetings or prayer in church? Why?

4.) 6:7-8. In what way is the prayer of Jesus’ followers to be different?

v. 8 – Why pray then?

6:9-15. What is the focus of “the Lord’s Prayer”?

5.) 6:16-18 – How can fasting be misused?

Do you think there is any point in Christians fasting today?

(How was fasting used in the Old Testament?)