

The Law of the Kingdom

Lesson aim: To continue to explore the principles of righteousness upon which the kingdom is founded and their application in modern life

Three hypocritical practices to be avoided--Mt. 6:1-18

1. *What sin is Jesus dealing with in this section? How did the Pharisees commit this sin in their praying, fasting, and giving?*
2. *What course did Jesus urge his followers to pursue in eliminating this sin? Does this mean it is wrong for others to know of good things one has done?*
3. *Explain the meaning of each phrase in the model prayer.*
4. *What do we learn about prayer from Jesus' teaching in this section?*

Three prohibitions against avarice, harsh judgment, and unwise exposure of sacred things--Mt. 6:19-7:6

1. *How does the material of this section connect with Jesus' declared theme of 5:20?*
2. *Is it wrong to accumulate wealth? What is the point of verses 19-20?*
3. *What dangers do you see in one aspiring to be rich?*
4. *Note how often men seek wealth because of fear of the future. What points did Jesus make that will help in dealing with this kind of anxiety?*

5. *What principle should establish the Christian's priorities in life?*

6. *Does Jesus forbid all judging? Why or why not?*

7. *In what way would we cast our pearls before swine?*

Research challenge:



The religious community is confused on the issue of judging. Using a reference work find out what other NT texts say on this subject.