

Studies in the Life of Christ

NT Survey Lesson 13--Matthew 6

Introduction: Having exposed the scribes' and Pharisees' misinterpretations of the Law, Jesus turned to other characteristics of the Pharisees that demonstrated further unrighteousness. Particularly he deals with their two prevalent traits of hypocrisy and the love of money, showing the true course for the disciple who faces these temptations.

The problem of doing right to be seen of men--Matthew 6:1-18

1. In what three areas did the Pharisees show hypocrisy in their actions? How did they do so?
2. What course did Jesus urge the disciple to take in each area to insure eliminating the problem of hypocrisy?
3. Give a brief explanation of each phrase in the model prayer (v. 9-13)

The problem of loving earthly wealth--Matthew 6: 16-34

1. Why did Jesus urge his disciples to avoid emphasis upon the accumulation of earthly wealth? (v. 19)
2. What did he urge them to do instead? (v. 20-21) Why?
3. What is the point of the illustration about the eye? (v. 22-23)
4. Is it possible to serve both God and mammon (riches)? (v. 24)
5. Some seek wealth because of their fear of the future. What command did Jesus issue about worry or anxiety? (v. 25)
6. What reasons did Jesus give for putting trust in God to provide our needs? (v. 26-30)
7. Anxiety about material things would make a disciple seek the same things as what group? (v. 31-32)
8. What promise did Jesus make to his disciples? (v. 33)
9. What did Jesus say about each day? (v. 34)