

## MATTHEW 6

"<sup>[1]</sup>Beware of practicing your righteousness before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven."

### PRACTICING RIGHTEOUSNESS

Self-Righteous Practice	Reward	Righteous Practice	Reward
<sup>[2]</sup> So whenever you <b>give alms (mercy &amp; pity)</b> , do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets	so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.	<sup>[3]</sup> But when you <b>give alms (mercy &amp; pity)</b> , do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,	<sup>[4]</sup> so that your alms (mercy & pity) may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.
<sup>[5]</sup> And whenever you <b>pray</b> , do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners,	so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.	<sup>[6]</sup> But whenever you <b>pray</b> , go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret;	and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.
<sup>[7]</sup> When you are <b>praying</b> , do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do;	for they think that they will be heard because of their many words.	<sup>[8]</sup> Do not be like them, <sup>[9]</sup> <b>Pray</b> then in this way:	<sup>[8]</sup> for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.
<sup>[16]</sup> And whenever you <b>fast</b> , do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces	so as to show others that they are <b>fasting</b> . Truly I tell you, they have received their reward.	<sup>[17]</sup> But when you <b>fast</b> , put oil on your head and wash your face, so that your fasting may be seen not by others	<sup>[18]</sup> but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.
<sup>[31]</sup> Therefore <b>do not worry</b> , saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" <sup>[32]</sup> For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things	<sup>[26]</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them.	<sup>[33]</sup> But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness <sup>[34]</sup> Do not worry	<sup>[32]</sup> indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. <sup>[33]</sup> and all these things will be given to you as well.

Who does this Master serve?  
Don't serve this Master  
Don't store up these treasures

Who does this Master serve?  
Serve this Master  
Store up these treasures

How does righteousness look in the world's systems  
**THINK DIFFERENTLY**  
How does righteousness look in God's system?