

Questions for Matthew 6:1-6

1. Is Jesus still expanding Old Law principles in chapter 6, or has he moved away from referencing the Old Law at all for the rest of this sermon? If he has moved away, why abandon this teaching tactic? (Verses 1-6)

2. What constitutes giving alms or performing “righteousness”? Whom should receive these deeds, when and for what purpose? (Verses 1-4)

3. Jesus’ examples of giving alms here are only between 2 individuals. Can or should a Christian donate to non-religious organizations that aid those in need? (Verses 1-4)

4. What does it mean to be a hypocrite? (Verses 2 and 5)

5. Matthew 5:16 says that when the world sees our good works that it should cause them to glorify God. Jesus then teaches in this chapter to do your alms and prayers in secret. How do we reconcile these 2 ideas? (Verses 4 and 6)

6. What is the reward of the hypocrite and how shall the Lord reward the faithful to the world? (Verses 4 and 6)