

## The Life of Christ

### Sermon on the Mount

#### **Matthew 6:1 (1-18)      Serve God, not our own reputation**

**Church leaders** – don't do and say the things that continuously prove to the congregation that you're worthy of the office, just keep serving God

**Everyone** – No man can serve two masters; not God and Mammon (financial greed), or likewise, not God and politics.

#### **Matthew 6:2-4      Giving without fanfare**

A matter of compassion: Deuteronomy 15:7ff

A matter of service to God, or not? Colossians 3:23

A matter of faith (v. 4)

#### **Matthew 6:5-6      Prayer without fanfare**

The awesome privilege and responsibility becomes a show???

Infinite time could be dedicated to a study of the power and effectiveness, and personal need for prayer!

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#### **Matthew 6:7-8      Prayer with meaning, specific praying**

Does this mean liturgical prayer is wrong – absolutely not if prayed from your heart, it is like training our heart towards God, and not the same as pagan chants. (vs. 9-13)

Personal advice: When praying during emotional turmoil, write your prayers. This aids focus/ gives clarity.

#### **Matthew 6:9-15      Read through – Next week's lesson!**

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