- 43. You've heard it said, You shall love your neighbour, and
- hate your enemy. 44. But I say, 'Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which spitefully you;4
- 45. That you may be in heaven; for he makes his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust.5
- your reward? do not even the publicans the same?
- **47**. And if you greet your brothers only, what more do you do than others? do not You be therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect. 6

- 4. We don't normally love our enemies, but would like to see them in prison; yet in the Kingdom of God if we want to be citizens there; then love and forgiveness is the first and overruling law, while we leave getting justice in the Father's capable hands. Curses are usually done with witchcraft; the Lord says to bless those people as he will turn every curse into a use you, and persecute blessing, and it's our duty to pray for those who maliciously and vindictively hound us'
- children of your Father 5. The highest honour we can get is to be a son and daughter of God, but that means that we are to give our love to everyone, just like our Father does, who lets the sun rise and the rain fall on everyone whether we deserve it or not.
- 6. Loving is not loving when others **46**. For if ye love them love you, because there is no which love you, what's reward in that; even the tax collectors and everybody does that. Loving is loving when others don't love you. that is when you will be rewarded.

And if you only greet those of your family or of the same religion, then you are not doing anything special and you do the same as again even the publicans so? those tax collectors and everybody else. Let us greet and be kind to everyone, which proves that we're the children of our perfect Father.

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not your alms to be Father in heaven.⁷

1. Take heed that ye do 7. Watch out that you don't show off when you give, or help; if you do seen of men: then you it with that motive then you have have no reward of your no reward, as the Father does not appreciate you showing off your, "Oh, did you see my generosity?"

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- **2.** Therefore, when you do your alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and streets, so they may have glory of men. Verily I say to you, They have their reward. 8
- 3. But when you do alms, let not your left hand know what your right hand does:
- 4. Do your alms in secret: and your Father who sees in secret he'll reward you openly.9
- 5. When you pray, don't be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and street corners, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say to you, They have their reward.¹⁰
- 6: But you, when you pray, enter your closet, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in secret; and Father who sees in secret shall reward you openly.11
- 7: When you pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think they'll be heard for their much speaking.
- 8: Therefore, don't be like them: for your Father knows what things you need, before you ask him $^{\rm 12}$

- 8. Don't announce it on the internet as the hypocrites or double dealers do in churches, so that they will receive the applause of men; here today, gone tomorrow. However, if that is the reward you want then you can have it.
- 9. Giving, just do it quietly and don't even remind yourself after it has left your hand, nor tell your left hand what your right hand gave. So your giving is silently in secret, and your Father, who knows what is going on and knows your motives, he will take care of rewarding you.
- 10. Same when you pray: please don't put on a false appearance of your religious virtues, praying publicly so as to be seen of men. Do we pray to the Father or for public appearance and the applause of men. The Lord uses the word 'hypocrites' six times in Matthew chapter 5-7. Pride has many heads 'Spiritual Pride' being the main culprit. Jesus was called 'a friend of sinners.' He likes being with people that are honest about themselves and know they need his help to overcome their weaknesses.
- 11. Find a quiet place; when you want to be sweet with your partner, you talk softly, the Lord created us as his 'selfie'.
- 12. Endless public prayers of 5, 10 minutes are disturbing. Remind the Lord later as he teaches in Luke 11:5-10. He knows our heart and appreciates it if we express this to him verbally and in humility...

- **9.** Therefore, pray, "Our Father which art in heaven,13 Hallowed be thy name.
- 10. Your kingdom comes. Your will is done in earth, as it is in heaven.
- **11.** Give us this day our daily bread.
- 12. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
- 13. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen." 14
- 14. For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you:
- **15.** But if you forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses 15
- 16. And when you fast, be not hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you They have their reward.
- 17. But you, when you fast, anoint your head, and wash vour face;
- **18.** That you appear not for men to fast, but unto your Father only: and your Father, who sees in secret, shall reward you openly.16

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- 13. The shortest most complete prayer, that expresses complete trust in the Father and that he knows what he is doing. His coming Kingdom. It has requests not only for our physical needs such as daily bread, but the need for protection of our spiritual life as well as the condition that he puts on us to be forgiven.
- 14. For more details on the Lord's Prayer see this page 'Lord, teach us how to pray'
- 15. Forgiving is a beautiful principle until we come to the crossroads where we need to forgive someone. If we cannot forgive then we cannot be forgiven and that is what we will regret it for eternity. Please read 'Forgiving is that possible?'
- 16. FASTING Isaiah 58: 6-9 'Is not this the kind of fasting I have chosen: to set the oppressed free and break every yoke?' (We can do this by telling about the yoke breaker: Jesus) 'Is it not to share your food with the hungry and to provide the poor wanderer with shelter when you see the naked, to clothe him, and not to turn away from your own flesh and blood?' Then your light will break forth and your healing will quickly appear; 'Then you will call, and the Lord will answer: Here am I. If you do away with the pointing finger and bad talk.'

- **19.** Don't gather for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust corrupt, and where thieves break in and steal: ¹⁷
- **20.** But lay-up treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust corrupts, and where thieves do not break in nor steal: ¹⁸
- **21.** For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also. ¹⁹
- 22. The light of the body is the eye: if your eye is single, your whole body shall be full of light.

 23. But if thine eye is evil, your whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in you be
- 24. No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.²¹

darkness, how great

is that darkness.²⁰

- 17. 'The care of this world, and deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becomes unfruitful.' (Mt.13:22) 'The world passes away and the lust thereof but he that does the will of God continues forever.' (1Jn.2:17)
- 18. Whatever you send ahead to heaven is safe. 'he that gives to the poor lends to the Lord...' 'Where to invest in a crumbling economy?'
- 19. Do you want your heart to stay with your land or house, or do you desire to go to heaven when you die? That decision is ours.
- 20. If you are generous and you think about how to help others then your body is full of light and you are happy. 'Is your eye evil because I am good?' (Mat.20:15). The man expected more, which he thought was his "right" but he got what he had agreed on. A good lesson to not think that our "right" is our light, as Jesus teaches the opposite.
- 21. 'Unrighteous (no-moral) mammon' (Luke 16:9) God is righteous (he is morality) Mammon: 'The force that makes people try to become as rich as possible and the belief that this is the most important thing in life.' (Cambridge English Dictionary)
- It's okay to have money in your pocket, but not in your heart so you can't help others. Hence Jesus said it is one or the other.

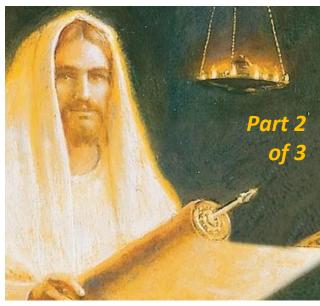
- 25. Therefore, I say to you, 'Take no thought for your life, what you shall eat, or what you shall drink; nor yet for your body, what you shall put on. Isn't the life more than meat, and the body than clothes?'
- **26.** Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? ²³
- **27.** Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature?
- 28. And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, don't spin: 29. Yet I tell you, 'That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these.'24
- **30.** Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ²⁵

- 22. Stop worrying about your life and how are we going to pay for the food and our clothes. Is life not more than how you dress or what you eat?
- 23. It is after World-War-II that we became overly concerned about money, food and clothes. Before that we had big families and although people were poor, they survived. Clothes were handed down and food was shared. However, it is clear that now we are subservient to the power of money and materialism. We have one child who needs the best. But honestly wouldn't it be better if it grew up in a bigger family with siblings?
- 24. Females need Botox and breast implants, while males need enlarged private parts. We will never be truly happy unless we accept with a thankful heart how the Father created our every bodily detail. Because even super rich Solomon on display could not be as goodlooking as a lily.
- 25. 'As the flowers pass away; so also shall the rich man fade away in his ways. (Jam1:10,11) 'All flesh is as grass' (1Pet.1:24) When we are at their funeral then what is left? An empty chair and the clothes go to a charity shop or the Salvation Army.

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Matthew CHAPTER 5:40 to CHAPTER 6:25

- **40**. If any man will sue you **at the law**, and takes away your coat, let him have your cloak also. ¹
- **41**. And whoever shall compel you to go a mile, go with him twain.²
- **42**. Give to him that asks, and from him that would borrow of you, don't turn away.³
- 1. If we push a case that far that it goes to the law, it is mainly because we think that we are right, then the hardest thing will be to not only give your coat which you fought for, but also give them your overcoat or cape.
- 2. He that demands or forces you to go a mile with him, go two miles with him.
- 3. Give to him that asks you, even if it is a beggar on the street. And if anyone wants to borrow of you, then help him cheerfully. 'For the Lord loves a cheerful giver.' (2Corinthians 9:7)

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