

Matthew 6

v1 – righteousness (noun) moral perfection; the quality of always doing what is right

v2 – the needy (noun) people who lack things that are essential for survival

v2 – trumpets (noun)



v2 – hypocrites (noun) people who pretend to have qualities or beliefs that they don't really have.

v2 – synagogues (noun) places where Jews met together to worship God and to be taught the Scriptures

v2 – honoured (verb) respected; thought well of

v2 – reward (noun) something you are given for something you do, a good quality you have etc

'Reward' can also be used as a verb, meaning 'to give something to someone as a reward' (verses 4, 6, 18).

v7 – babbling (verb) making lots of meaningless sounds

v7 – pagans (noun) people who don't believe in God

v9 – hallowed (adjective) honoured, admired, respected

v12 – forgive (verb) no longer be angry with or want to punish someone who has done wrong

v12 – debts (noun) something (often money) that is owed to someone else

v12 – debtors (noun) people who owe something (usually money) to someone else

v13 – temptation (noun) the feeling of wanting to do something that you know is wrong.

v13 – deliver (verb) free from harm or evil

v14 – sin (verb) do wrong against God or against people; rebellion against God

v16 – fast (verb) to not eat any food for a period of time

v16 – somber (adjective) serious or sad

v16 – disfigure (verb) changing the appearance of something so that it looks spoiled

v19 – moth (noun)



v19 – vermin (noun) small animals such as mice and rats who cause problems to humans by damaging crops and spreading disease

v24 – devoted to (adjective) love very much; be very enthusiastic about

v24 – despise (verb) hate; have a very low opinion of something

v26 – sow (verb) plant seeds in the ground

v26 – reap	(verb)	cut down and gather in crops
v26 – barns	(noun)	a building on a farm where animals food or crops are kept
v28 – spin	(verb)	make thread by twisting fibres together
v29 – Solomon	(proper noun)	the richest king in Israel’s history
v29 – splendour	(noun)	the beautiful and impressive appearance of something
v33 – seek	(verb)	try to obtain; try to find

Matthew 6 (New International Reader’s Version)

¹ “Be careful not to do good deeds in front of other people. Don’t do those deeds to be seen by others. If you do, your Father in heaven will not reward you.

² “When you give to needy people, do not announce it by having trumpets blown. Do not be like those who only pretend to be holy. They announce what they do in the synagogues and on the streets. They want to be honored by other people. What I’m about to tell you is true. They have received their complete reward. ³ When you give to needy people, don’t let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. ⁴ Then your giving will be done secretly. Your Father will reward you, because he sees what you do secretly.

⁵ “When you pray, do not be like those who only pretend to be holy. They love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners. They want to be seen by other people. What I’m about to tell you is true. They have received their complete reward. ⁶ When you pray, go into your room. Close the door and pray to your Father, who can’t be seen. Your Father will reward you, because he sees what you do secretly. ⁷ When you pray, do not keep talking on and on. That is what ungodly people do. They think they will be heard because they talk a lot. ⁸ Do not be like them. Your Father knows what you need even before you ask him.

⁹ “This is how you should pray.

“ Our Father in heaven,
may your name be honored.

¹⁰ May your kingdom come.
May what you want to happen be done
on earth as it is done in heaven.

¹¹ Give us today our daily bread.

¹² And forgive us our sins,
just as we also have forgiven those who sin against us.

¹³ Keep us from sinning when we are tempted.
Save us from the evil one.’

¹⁴ Forgive other people when they sin against you. If you do, your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you. ¹⁵ But if you do not forgive the sins of other people, your Father will not forgive your sins.

¹⁶ “When you go without eating, do not look gloomy like those who only pretend to be holy. They make their faces look very sad. They want to show people they are fasting. What I’m about to tell you is true. They have received their complete reward. ¹⁷ But when you go without eating, put olive oil on your head. Wash your face. ¹⁸ Then others will not know that you are fasting. Only your Father, who can’t be seen, will know it. Your Father will reward you, because he sees what you do secretly.

¹⁹ “Do not gather for yourselves riches on earth. Moths and rats can destroy them. Thieves can break in and steal them. ²⁰ Instead, gather for yourselves riches in heaven. There, moths and rats do not destroy them. There, thieves do not break in and steal them. ²¹ Your heart will be where your riches are.

²² “The eye is like a lamp for the body. Suppose your eyes are healthy. Then your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But suppose your eyes can’t see well. Then your whole body will be full of darkness. If the light inside you is darkness, then it is very dark!

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters at the same time. You will hate one of them and love the other. Or you will be faithful to one and dislike the other. You can’t serve God and money at the same time.

²⁵ “I tell you, do not worry. Don’t worry about your life and what you will eat or drink. And don’t worry about your body and what you will wear. Isn’t there more to life than eating? Aren’t there more important things for the body than clothes? ²⁶ Look at the birds of the air. They don’t plant or gather crops. They don’t put away crops in storerooms. But your Father who is in heaven feeds them. Aren’t you worth much more than they are? ²⁷ Can you add even one hour to your life by worrying?

²⁸ “And why do you worry about clothes? See how the wild flowers grow. They don’t work or make clothing. ²⁹ But here is what I tell you. Not even Solomon in all his royal robes was dressed like one of these flowers. ³⁰ If that is how God dresses the wild grass, won’t he dress you even better? Your faith is so small! After all, the grass is here only today. Tomorrow it is thrown into the fire. ³¹ So don’t worry. Don’t say, ‘What will we eat?’ Or, ‘What will we drink?’ Or, ‘What will we wear?’ ³² People who are ungodly run after all those things. Your Father who is in heaven knows that you need them. ³³ But put God’s kingdom first. Do what he wants you to do. Then all those things will also be given to you. ³⁴ So don’t worry about tomorrow. Tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.