LESSON 5 MATTHEW 6:1-7:29

1. What is the difference between what Jesus says in 6:1-8, 16-18 and what He says back in 5:13-16? How secretive should we be in our good deeds?

2. What are the elements of the prayer Jesus offers as a model? What part does He emphasize after giving the example?

3. How do verses 21-22 fit into the surrounding discussion of treasure and wealth?

4. What are some abuses that some make of this admonition against worry? How do we apply it in a balanced way?

5. How can we properly apply Matt. 7:1-5 to ourselves? Think of some concrete examples where you have needed this instruction.

6. How does Matthew 7:6 fit in with the discussion of judging?

7. What sort of confidence should we have when we pray?

8. What basis does Jesus point to in how we treat others? What does this mean about how we view ourselves?

9. Think about the narrow and broad gates in conjunction with 7:12. How could these two ideas be connected?

10. What is the basic means of determining a false prophet? What additional "test" does Jesus give in 7:16-20?

11. In 7:21-23, why did those who cried "Lord, Lord" think they would gain entrance? What is the basis of their rejection?

12. In 7:24-27, what do the winds and rains represent?

13. What was amazing about the teaching of Jesus?