

50 Commands of Christ - 3 - (#13-17)

13. Practice secret disciplines (giving, praying, fasting)—*Matthew 6:1-18.*

What does it mean to not let your left hand know what your right is doing?

If you give in secret, who will reward you? When?

There are four elements of prayer. What are they? (Remember ACTS)

Is it realistic to fast today? In secret? Why?

14. Lay up treasures in heaven—*Matthew 6:19-21.*

How can we determine where our treasure is (and thus where our hearts are)?

What idols distract you from storing your treasure in heaven?

15. Seek first the kingdom of God—*Matthew 6:33.*

How can you seek God and God's will for your life? How can you seek His kingdom? What are your priorities in life?

What is the role of the Holy Spirit in this process?

16. Judge not—*Matthew 7:1-2.*

By what measure will we be judged? Is this a cliché or when we judge others do we set ourselves up to be judged in exactly the same way? Give an example.

When, if ever, should we criticize or judge someone else?

17. Do not throw your pearls to pigs—*Matthew 7:6.*

What does this really mean?

Can pigs digest pearls? What if you provide indigestible wisdom to the wrong person at the wrong time?

Might it be better to be an example and wait for an opportunity to share your faith and show the evidence of Christ's transforming power to draw in hurting people?