

Adult Impact Study Sheet

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If possible, read **Matthew 6:1-4** from several translations.

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1. Martyn Lloyd-Jones writes, “[In Matthew 6] we have what we may well call a picture of the Christian living his life in this world in the presence of God, in active submission to God, and in entire dependence on Him.”¹ Discuss each of these:
 - In this world (*What constitutes this world?*)
 - In the presence of God (*Aren't we always in God's presence? Expound on this.*)
 - In active submission to God (*What is the difference between submission and active submission?*)
 - In entire dependence on God (*Is there a difference between dependence and entire dependence?*)
2. Hypocrite is the Greek word for “actor” or one who wore a mask. How does that describe the hypocrites Matthew is writing about?
3. Discuss empty (deeds) and full (reward) in relation to verse 2.
4. Verse one says, “Take care not to do your good deeds publicly *or* before men,” while in Matthew 5:16 it says, “Let your light shine before men in such a way that they may see your good deeds and moral excellence, and glorify your Father who is in heaven.” Is there a conflict here? Why or why not?
5. What kind of good deeds does God reward?
What should be the result of our good deeds?
6. In verse 3 it says “When you give [of time, talent, or treasure], not if you give.” What does that indicate?
7. In all our Christian living we play before an audience of One. Discuss.
8. A good question to ask ourselves whenever we are about to do or say something is *Am I doing/saying this to bring attention to myself?* Your thoughts?

¹ D. Martyn Lloyd-Jones, *Studies in the Sermon on the Mount*, p. 289

Next week: Matthew 6:5-15