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**UNEXPECTED LESSONS FROM
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The big idea in Matthew 6:1-18

Every Christian should give, pray, and fast –
with the right motive.

Jesus expects His followers to do give, pray, and fast

Matthew 6:2 – “When you give....”

Matthew 6:5 – “When you pray....”

Matthew 6:16 – “When you fast....”

Giving (6:2-4), praying (6:5-6), Fasting (6:16-18)

The wrong motive: to be seen

The reward: the applause of people

The right motive: done in secret

The reward: God will reward you

Giving



Matthew 23:23 (ESV)

“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.”

1 Corinthians 16:2 (NIV)

On the first day of every week, each of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up. So that when I come no collections will have to be made.

Prayer



The Lord's Prayer

Praise (*Our Father...hallowed be Thy Name*)

Prioritize God's kingdom (*Thy Kingdom come....*)

Pray for your needs: **physical** (*bread*); **relational** (*forgive debts as we forgive our debtors*); **spiritual** (*lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil*)

Power – acknowledge God's power and sovereignty
(*For Thine is the Kingdom, the power, the glory forever*)

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done
in earth, as it is in heaven.

The Lord's Prayer

Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we
forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:

The Lord's Prayer

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, forever. Amen.

Fasting



To worship God and connect more deeply with Him

Luke 2:37 – Anna did not depart from the temple, worshiping with fasting and prayer night and day.

To express deep repentance

Joel 2:12 – “Return to Me with all your heart,
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning.”

To petition God to grant our request

Esther 4:16 – “Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and do not eat or drink for three days, night or day.”

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