DAY 01 |

Principle:
Eternal rewards from God should motivate our good works.

Read Matthew 6:1-20, Galatians 1:10, 1 Thessalonians 2:4, Proverbs 29:25, and John 12:42-43

1. What is the warning at the beginning of each of the "good works" in this Matthew text? Why would Jesus warn His followers about these issues?

2. When do you find yourself needing affirmation, respect, and admiration?

DAY 02 |

Principle:
God wants us to give to those in need on His behalf rather than our own.

Read Matthew 6:1-4, 25:31-40, 1 Corinthians 10:31, Psalm 115:1, 1 Chronicles 29:12-14, and Malachi 3:6-10

1. Why is it important that we give to the needy? Why make it anonymous?

2. How do you determine and decide who you will help?

DAY 03 |

Principle:
Jesus expects us to pray to God: His Father and ours as believers.

Read Matthew 6:5-15, 7:7-8, Philippians 4:6, James 5:16, 1 Thess 5:17-18, Colossians 4:2, Ephesians 6:18-20

1. What are the key elements of this prayer that can become part of your daily prayers?

2. Why do you think God wants you to pray, and what inhibits you from doing so?

DAY 04 |

Principle:
Jesus supported fasting and defended His disciples when they did not fast.

Read Matthew 6:16-18, Luke 5:33-35, Acts 13:2-3, 14:23, Leviticus 16:29-34, and Isaiah 58:3-7

1. What scripture supports your view of fasting as either compulsory or voluntary?

2. What “Christian” rule have you seen enforced that has been hard for you to understand or follow?