

## Jesus Talks About the Father



### *From the Sermon on the Mount*

Jesus gives us wonderful insights to our Heavenly Father through the Sermon on the Mount. Let the Spirit

of God speak to your heart as you listen to Jesus talking about His and our Heavenly Father.

### **How to Glorify the Father** *Matt 5:16*

We are to light up the world in such a way that we and those around us will glorify the Father. Jesus reveals eight ways to glorify the Father:

1. By **LOVING**: Matt 5:45; 48  
*From Matt 5:43-48 Love Your Enemies*  
 Perfect love is loving those who hate us! This kind of love reveals we are sons of the Father.
2. By **GIVING**: Matt 6:1; 4  
*From Matt 6:1-4 Doing Good*  
 The Father looks to the motive in our giving and we glorify Him when He is the only One to know.
3. By **PRAYING**: Matt 6:6; 8-9  
*From Matt 6:5-15 The Model Prayer*  
 In prayer we acknowledge that God is in charge of His kingdom and has all power and glory.
4. By **FORGIVING**: Matt 6:14-15  
*From Matt 6:14-15 The Model Prayer*  
 Forgiving others (a choice not a feeling) releases into us the love, power and forgiveness of God. It's impossible to experience the fullness of God without a forgiving heart.
5. By **FASTING**: Matt 6:18  
*From Matt 6:16-18 Fasting Before God Alone*  
 As with loving, praying and giving—fasting has more to do with lifestyle than an occasional act of sacrifice.
6. By **SEEKING THE KINGDOM**: Matt 6:26; 32  
*From Matt 6:25-34 Do Not Worry*  
 God's care for us is released when we SEEK Him and His kingdom above all else. It is from His kingdom that everything I need is provided.
7. By **ASKING**: Matt 7:11  
*From Matt 7:7-12 Keep Asking, Seeking, Knocking*  
 The most natural thing between a son and a father is for the son to ask and for the father to provide. Our Heavenly Father is waiting for us to ask.
8. By **DOING**: Matt 7:21  
*From Matt 7:21-23 Do The Will of the Father*  
 Those truly born of God are the children of God and do His will 1 Joh 5:3. The way I live is a reflection upon my father and mother. Doing is 'letting my light shine' so that my Father receives all the glory.

### Matthew 5-7 (NKJV)

**5:16** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.

**1. LOVING: 5:45** that you may be sons of your Father in heaven; for He makes His sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust. **5:48** Therefore you shall be perfect, just as your Father in heaven is perfect.

**2. GIVING: 6:1** "Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. **6:4** that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.

**3. PRAYING: 6:6** But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. **6:8** "Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. **6:9** In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name.

**4. FORGIVING: 6:14** "For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. **6:15** But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

**5. FASTING: 6:18** so that you do not appear to men to be fasting, but to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.

**6. SEEKING THE KINGDOM: 6:26** Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? **6:32** For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things.

**7. ASKING: 7:11** If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

**8. DOING: 7:21** "Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven.