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Jesus just said, **you be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect** / God expects His children to grow up.

¹ **But be warned that you do not your alms** / the word is: eleemosyne... where we get the rarely used term: eleemosynary, referring to: our compassionate, charitable giving. The Greek word: eleeo... means: to have pity; **to show mercy**... and have compassion.

be warned that you do not do your charitable giving before men, to be seen by them: otherwise you have **no** reward of your Father who is in heaven.



² **Therefore when you do your charitable giving, do not sound a trumpet before you / do not start the drumroll, as the hypocrites do** / as their penny hits the offering plate; as they conceal what is, and do what is not; who sound the trumpet or bang the drum before them. **in the synagogues and on the streets,**

that they may have the glory of men / Jesus is talking about: **the boasting of men**. He says...leave the orchestra at home...

Verily, Amen! I say to you, They have their reward / paid in full! Nothing more is coming.

³ **But when you do your giving, let not your left hand know what your right hand does** / how can we do that? Well, practice. If your only habit is to give... once a century, it might be challenging. Jesus says, **Give!** But don't assemble the orchestra and don't start the drum-roll for our pennies. Remember: He gave His life -- and we scribble on a check?! hmm? based on talents God has given us.

⁴ **Give charitable in secret** / give so fast, that you forget about it... because you are already onto the next opportunity:

and your Father who sees in secret will reward you, openly.

⁵ **And when you pray, do not be as the hypocrites: for they LOVE to pray, standing in the synagogues / in their worship centers. and on the corners of the streets / and you might ask: why?**

that they may be seen of men / they love the show.

Jesus says... **Verily, Amen! I say to you,**

They have their reward / they got what they came for... paid in full! Nothing more is coming.

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6 But you, when you pray, enter into your closet, and when you shut your door / go into your pantry, your storage room / so nobody, not even the dog sees what you're doing... then,

pray in secret to your Father;

and your Father who sees in secret will reward you, openly.

And it is as if Jesus said, while I am on this subject... He elaborates further...

7 But when you pray, do not use vain repetitions / John Tyndale, the reformer and translator of the English bible, said, **Do not babble over much!** At another time, Jesus said, Out of the abundance of our heart we speak. Any other occasion we can speak freely. Well, I guess some folk need teleprompters; but the rest of us, we can speak freely. Talk to God our Father that way. If we have to write our self a note: **I have to thank God today...** then we might have a problem! Maybe work on that heart; fill it with a little more joy and gladness; add some hope and thanksgiving. Definitely dump the vain repetitions!

don't use vain repetitions as the heathen do, for they think that they will be heard for their much speaking / even like those bird-brains who say, **Can I have an Amen?!** What does that mean? **That is one of the Names of God!** Or Give me a hallelujah brother! Why? Our praise is to God, not to them!

Jesus says...

8 Do not be like them:

for your Father knows what things you need, before you ask Him.

The disciples prayer:

9 Therefore, after this manner pray / said simply: So, pray like this...

Our Father who is in heaven / it is interesting, of all the world's great religions, it was Jesus who told us God is our Father,

hallowed / making holy; making whole; this is an old word, in Greek: **hagiozo**... it's a verb. which is frequently translated 1 of 2 ways: when we read either... **holy** or **saints**: same word! The English word: **holy** comes from the Old English: **halig**... meaning: **whole, complete**:

Jesus says... **first, acknowledge God our Father** the center of all creation, who is already at work!: **He is holy**. The citizens of eternity gladly sing day and night: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty who was, and is and is to come; You are worthy O Lord to receive glory and honor and power: for You have created all things; and for Your pleasure, they are and were created** -- Rev. 4.

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Jesus says, remember Who we are talking to when we pray. His name is holy and He makes us whole. As well as the second part: make our petitions and requests known; just leave the fateful list of demands somewhere else!

So, pray like this...

Our Father who is in heaven, Your Name makes us whole / we are adopted into the family of God: the prophet declares: I found Your words, and they became for me the joy and rejoicing of my heart, for I am called by the Name of the Lord God of hosts -- **Jeremiah 15**;

¹⁰ Let Your kingdom come,

let Your will be done as in heaven, also on earth / do Your will here, the same way it is done where You live. Jesus says, acknowledge God our Father, and let your requests be known.

¹¹ Our daily bread, You give each day / our Father in heaven is not an absent father; He is not a pretend father; He expects to hear from us often; He is never too busy!

¹² Release us from our debts,

as we also release our debtors / the same way, really? how we release and let go of those who are indebted to us; letting go all our grudges and sore grievances. And praying this prayer, is it merely empty words we are speaking? Do we really expect the eternal Father to forgive us the same way we forgive others?

¹³ and Father... lead us not to the temptation / lead us not into testing, proving who we really are, and what we are really made of. Don't just lead us to the test; be with us all the way through it,

but rescue us from all evil... including the evil one who seeks to destroy us.

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

/ now, some experts say: this last phrase is not found in some bibles, but it is in the ancient Coptic and Ethiopic and Syriac bibles; and, it sure beats...prayer beads and lighting candles... and hearing lots of meaningless hocus pocus chants... that definitely are not in any bible... anywhere, doesn't it? So let's hear this model prayer Jesus taught us again:



Our Father who is in heaven,

Your Name makes us whole. Let Your kingdom come, let Your will be done, as in heaven, also on earth. Our daily bread, You give teach day. Release us from our debts, as we also release our debtors. Lead us not to the temptation; but rescue us from all evil. For Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the power and the glory, forever, Amen!

¹⁴ For if you forgive anyone their trespasses

your heavenly Father will also forgive you: / it is obvious, Jesus does not want this point to quickly pass from our mind. He says, anyone; if you let go the legally owed debt of a man or woman; young or old,

if you forgive anyone their trespasses your heavenly Father will forgive you

¹⁵ But if you do **not forgive men their trespasses,**

your Father will **not forgive your trespasses** / and quite honestly, don't say: I need to think about that a while. The words are so clear. Jesus says: Don't think about it; don't sit in judgment and see if you can evaluate to adjust what I said. It might be difficult; but it is not rocket-science: **Do it!**

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