

How must our righteousness exceed theirs?

What is the title of this lesson? Golden Text? Lesson Plan? Time? Place?

Recite the memory verses. The Catechism.

I. The Way of Almsgiving. vs. 1-4.

With what caution does the lesson begin?

What is said of those who do good merely to be seen?

What should be our motive?

What is a hypocrite?

How do hypocrites give alms?

What reward do they have?

Why can they have no reward from God?

How are we to give alms?

How will those who do good in this way be rewarded?

How does this agree with the command to let our light shine? Matt. 5: 16.

II. The Way of Prayer. vs. 5-8.

How do hypocrites pray?

Why is this not true prayer?

What is its reward?

How should we pray?

Why should we pray in secret?

Is all public prayer here forbidden?

How will true prayer be rewarded?

What folly of the heathen should be avoided?

If God knows what we need, why should we pray?

III. The Model Prayer. vs. 9-15.

What rule has God given for our special direction in prayer?

Repeat the Lord's prayer.

How may this prayer be divided?

Ans. Into the preface, six petitions and the conclusion.

What does the preface teach us?

What do we pray for in the first petition? In the second? In the third? In the fourth? In the fifth? In the sixth?

What is the conclusion?

What does it teach us?

What must we do if we would have God forgive us?

What Have I Learned?

1 That the goodness of our deeds de-

pends on the motive from which they are done.

2. That we should not pray to be seen of men, but to be heard of God.

3. That we must be simple, earnest and sincere in our prayers.

4. That if we pray aright God will answer our prayers.

5. That we must forgive others if we would have God forgive us.

—Selected from *Westminster Teacher*.

A BOY'S PROMISE.

The school was out, and down the street

A noisy crowd came thronging;
The hue of health and gladness sweet,
To every face belonging.

Among them strode a little lad,
Who listened to another,
And mildly said, half grave, half sad:
"I can't—I promised mother."

A shout went up, a ringing shout,
Of boisterous derision;
But *not* one moment left in doubt
That manly, brave decision.

"Go where you please, do what you will,"
He calmly told the others;
"But I shall keep my word, boys, still:
I can't—I promised mother."

Ah! who could doubt the future course
Of one who thus had spoken?
Through manhood's struggle, gain and loss,
Could faith like this be broken?

God's blessing on that steadfast will,
Unyielding to another,
That bears all jeers and laughter still,
Because he promised mother.

—George Cooper.

Your influence, whether good or bad, will last after you leave your school or college. Either a bright glow will follow your school life, or a power for evil will be left which you can not blot out if you would. How will your example have told when seen in the light of the judgment seat of Christ?