

## **Resolved: To Grow in Prayer in 2020**

Matthew 6:5-15

**Sermon Theme:** *As we look forward to the new year, may we commit ourselves to regular and genuine prayer inspired by the gospel.*

### **Prayer 101 -**

#### **1) Genuine prayer contrasted:**

- a) Seen vs Secret (Matt. 6:5-6, Matt. 23)
- b) Heard vs Known (Matt. 6:7-8, I Kings 18:26-29)

#### **2) Genuine prayer modeled:**

- a) Addressing “Our Father” (Matt.6:9a, Rom. 8:14-16, Gal. 4:4-7)
- b) Three heavenly petitions
  - i) His name to be revered (Matt. 6:9b, Ez. 36:20-23)
  - ii) His kingdom to be consummated (Matt. 6:10a, Rev. 21)
  - iii) His will to be accomplished (Matt. 6:10b)
- c) Three earthly petitions
  - i) Our provision (Matt. 6:11, 6:34)
  - ii) Our forgiveness (Matt. 6:12, I John 1:9, Rom. 10:9-10)
  - iii) Our protection (Matt. 6:13)
    - (1) Temptation = trials (James 1:12-13, I Cor. 10:12-13)
    - (2) The realities of trials (Matt. 26:38-39, II Cor. 12:7b-10)
    - (3) The reality of our enemy (I Pet. 5:8, Gen. 3:15)

#### **3) Genuine prayer reveals:**

- a) A forgiving heart (Matt. 6:14, Col. 3:13)
- b) An unforgiving heart (Matt. 6:15, 18:32-35)

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