

Authentic Prayer

Matthew 6:5-15

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What images or thoughts spring to mind when you hear the word "prayer"?

How do you define prayer?

Read Matthew 6:5-15. Look for words that are emphasized or repeated. Take special notice of the personal pronouns that are used by Jesus.

According to Jesus, what wrong motivation prompts some individuals to pray?

What name did Jesus call people who pray for show? Why?

Where did Jesus suggest we talk to God? Why is this significant?

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

If Jesus commands us to pray in secret, what is the value of public prayer?

What changes do you need to make in your prayer life?

What strained relationship will you seek to repair this week by forgiving an offense?