

Reading & Prayer

5 “And when you pray, you are not to be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and on the street corners so that they will be seen by people. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. 6 But as for you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

7 “And when you are praying, do not use thoughtless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard because of their many words. 8 So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.

The Lord's Prayer

9 “Pray, then, in this way:

‘Our Father, who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.’

14 For if you forgive other people for their offenses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if you do not forgive other people, then your Father will not forgive your offenses.

16 “Now whenever you fast, do not make a gloomy face as the hypocrites do, for they distort their faces so that they will be noticed by people when they are fasting. Truly I say to you, they have their reward in full. 17 But as for you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face, 18 so that your fasting will not be noticed by people but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you.

19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; 21 for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

22 “The eye is the lamp of the body; so then, if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. So if the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

24 “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.



Virtue Signaling

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Key Scriptures : Matthew 6:5-24

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start reading. read together the main scripture for this study

reading #1

In reading these verses of scripture, what would you circle, highlight, or underline as important to know or understand? Is there anything you noticed for the first time?

What is one word or phrase the Holy Spirit impresses upon you? Meditate on that.

start thinking. ask a thoughtful question

We are sitting on the mountain listening to Jesus...**What do you learn from Him in these Scripture passages?**

If Jesus is teaching His disciples to pray **not** according to the surrounding culture (hypocritical Jewish leader or babbling gentile), **what would Jesus identify in today's culture as something not to be emulated?**

In your sense, how you react to the Scripture, is Jesus making prayer harder or easier?

Can we trust simple prayers concerning complicated life matters?

start sharing. engage it with your story

What specific situation in your life relates? Write down or pray.

What did the Holy Spirit speak to you personally about during the sermon? Was there anything that caught your attention, challenged you, or confused you?

What is your history with the Lord's Prayer?

What do you think of the Didache, an early first century commentary on Scripture, teaching to pray the Lord's prayer three times a day? Is this prescription necessary? Could it have spiritual benefits?

start practicing. commit to a next step and live it out this week

What is Jesus' personal invitation to you from the scripture? You can write down what God may be saying to you or a prayer of thanks.

How can you use the Lord's prayer as the beginning point for "secret prayer"?

start praying. be bold and pray with power

prayer requests: