

How To Grow as a Believer & Follower of Jesus

Wednesday Nights at 6:30 pm

Begins August 2



LESSON 6 – Learning to Pray Tonight's Bible Verse – Matthew 6:5-15

“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.”

“This, then, is how you should pray: ‘Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.’”

For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Steps To Growth

Step 1 – Personal evaluation.

Step 2 – Listening to Jesus.

Step 3 – Doing what Jesus says.

Step 4 – The Bible

Step 5 – Prayer

Teachings from Today's Verse

1. N_____. Public prayer can be helpful and shouldn't be avoided—but it can be hypocritical.
2. Your r_____ is shown when it's just you-and-God and you are 100% honest!
3. God does h_____ and r_____ honest prayer.
4. The l_____ doesn't matter; your h_____ does.
5. Part of prayer is r_____ and h_____ God.
6. Part of prayer is asking for h_____—His will on earth and for daily needs.
7. Prayer also includes asking for God's l_____ and in o_____.
8. Prayer is impacted by our p_____. For example, _____.

How to Use Prayer As Part of Personal Growth

1. Make a commitment to be a person of prayer.
2. Be c_____ with God.
3. Pray d_____ and t_____ the day.
4. Pray about e_____ and e_____.
5. Pray “a _____” constantly.
6. C_____, so that prayer is never hindered.
7. Join a prayer group. (It can be difficult at first because it is very l_____.)
8. Let most of your prayers include these elements:
 - a. A_____.
 - b. C_____.
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