

“WHEN YOU PRAY...”

Matthew 6:5-8

9/3/17

Warnings about Prayer

Wrong _____

Wrong _____ of _____

Instructions on Prayer

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**A proper Application of the Law,
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6) But 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.

MATTHEW 6:5-8

7) And when you are praying, do not use meaningless repetition as the Gentiles do, for they suppose that they will be heard for their many words.

8) So do not be like them; for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him.”

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Matthew Henry – “The product of all this, they have their reward; they have all the recompense they must ever expect from God for their service, and a poor recompense it is. What will it avail us to have the good word of our fellow-servants, if our Master does not say, “Well done thou good and faithful servant?”

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MATTHEW 6:6, 8

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A. Be Consistent

MATTHEW 6:5-7

v.5) “**When you pray**, you are not to be like...

v.6) But you, **when you pray**, go into your inner room...

v.7) “And **when you are praying**, do not use...

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Mark 1:35-36

35) In the early morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there.

36) Simon and his companions searched for Him

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MATTHEW 6:8

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This facilitates a deepening relationship with the Father, who loves us enough to hear and answer our prayers, not because of OUR efforts through the exercise of prayer, but because of HIS Grace and Mercy through the Fellowship that prayer makes available.

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