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High Callings

- *Discipleship*
- *Stewardship*
- *Prayer*



“Principles of Prayer”

Matthew 6:5-15



Key Thought

Our simple prayers can have astonishing results . . . when we follow Jesus' principles for prayer.



Effective prayer is intensely personal—it flows from a vital relationship with God (6:5-6).

- *When we pray to impress people, we'll never impress the heart of God.*
- *We're invited to direct our prayers to God as our Father, a term of personal relationship.*
- *Our personal prayers must shut out distractions.*
- *God has promised to hear and answer our prayers.*

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Effective prayer is richly meaningful—it depends on heartfelt intimacy with God (6:7-8).

- *God does not honor empty words or many words when we pray.*
- *Our prayers should be simple, heartfelt, and confident because God knows our needs.*

Effective prayer is deeply spiritual—it reflects Jesus' model of communication with God (6:9-13).

- *Jesus taught us to pray to our Father for His glory to be known on earth (6:9-10).*
- *Jesus taught us to pray to our Father for our needs to be met on earth (6:11-13).*

Effective prayer is extremely practical—it relies on the transforming power of God (6:14-15).

- *Our ability to forgive others is a mark of true faith.*
- *Those who do not forgive have not truly experienced God's forgiveness.*
- *Through faith God transforms our lives so that we can forgive graciously and pray effectively.*



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