



SERMON
on the
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“HOW NOT TO PRAY” // MATTHEW 6:5-8



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We should develop a constant reliance on and communication with the Lord through prayer.

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We should spend regular, unhurried time in dedicated prayer.



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They pray not to communicate with God but to impress others.

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Luke 18:10-12

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They pray meaningless, formulaic prayer to make their gods do what they want

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The majority of the time you spend in prayer should be in private prayer.

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Public prayer is not wrong, but it should be the result of an active private prayer life.

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Original USDA Food Guide Pyramid

fats, oils, and sweets,
use sparingly

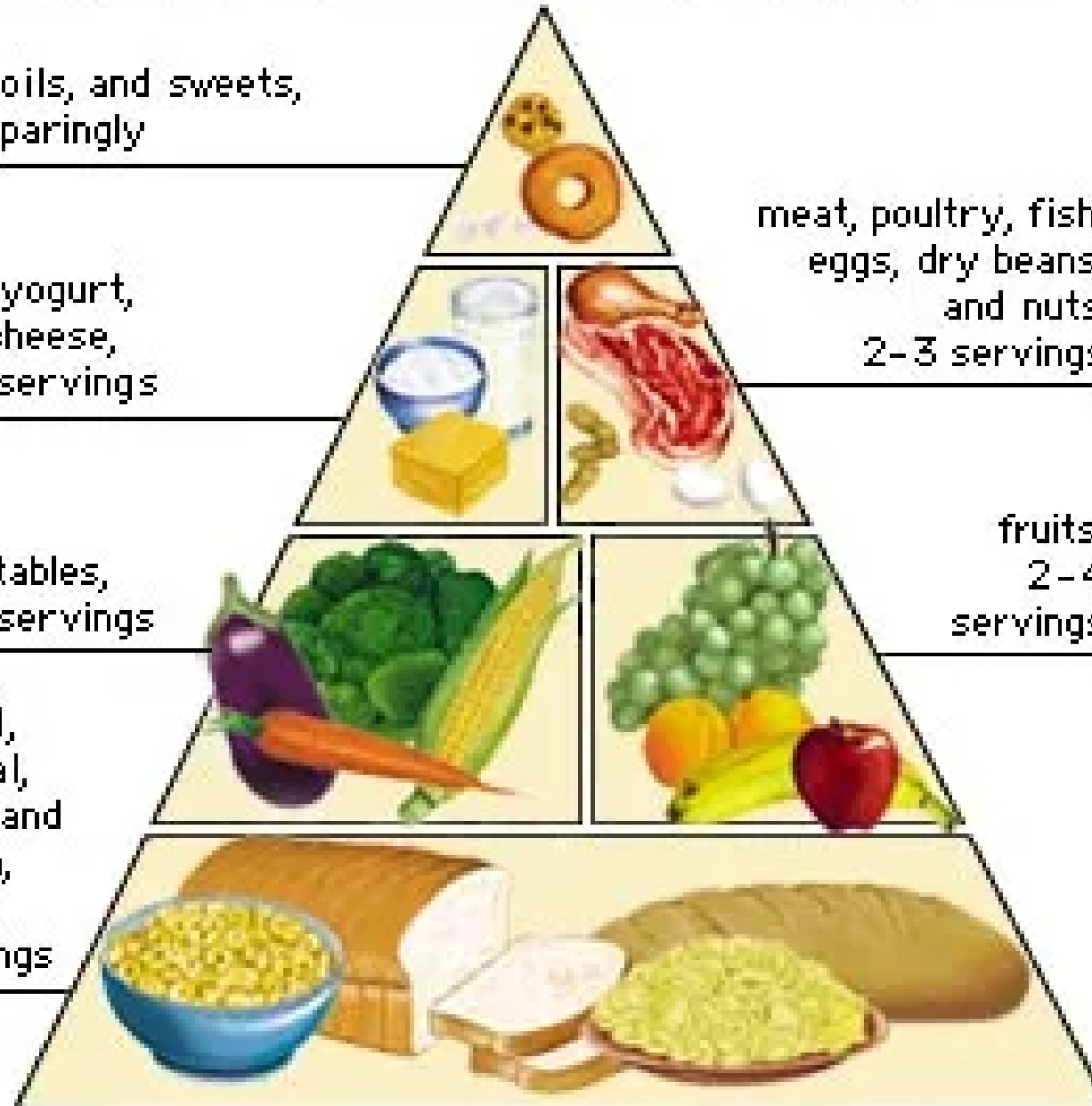
milk, yogurt,
and cheese,
2-3 servings

vegetables,
3-5 servings

bread,
cereal,
rice, and
pasta,
6-11
servings

meat, poultry, fish,
eggs, dry beans,
and nuts,
2-3 servings

fruits,
2-4
servings



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We should pray using words and phrases that we understand and that we mean.

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We should pray trusting that God knows and cares about what we need.

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Romans 8:15-17



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