

*Key Scriptures:*

Ecclesiastes 5:2

Luke 22:42

Romans 8:26-27

Exodus 14:14

Mathew 6:33

Psalm 37:4

1 Kings 19:9-13

Psalm 46:10

Isaiah 30:15

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*What is the first prayer you said in this new year? Have you even prayed yet this year? If not, how come? What makes the concept of prayer so scary or frustrating for many people? There are two extremes of prayer that work against each other. Some who make a show of it, and others who are so intimidated by them that they feel their prayers are inadequate. Let's see how Jesus helps us through this today.*

**Jesus helps His listeners understand:**

WHAT PRAYER IS NOT:

1. Prayer is not about \_\_\_\_\_ good.

**Matthew 6:5 NIV**

*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.*

2. Prayer is not about \_\_\_\_\_ good.

**Matthew 6:7 NIV**

*And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.*

3. Prayer is not about \_\_\_\_\_ goods.

**Luke 22:42 NIV**

*“Not my will, but yours be done.”*



WHAT PRAYER IS:

*Prayer is not about \_\_\_\_\_ good; it's about \_\_\_\_\_ good in \_\_\_\_\_.*

- We need to be in \_\_\_\_\_ with God, so that our \_\_\_\_\_ align with His.
- We need to discover God's \_\_\_\_\_ by truly \_\_\_\_\_ Him.
- We need to \_\_\_\_\_ God by cherishing the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.