Growth Through Prayer Matthew 6 3-19-23

I. Prayer is **Expected**.

Matthew 6:5 - "And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward."

Matthew 6:6 - "But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you."

Matthew 6:7 - "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words."

Matthew 6:9 - "Pray then like this: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name.'"

Luke 11:9 - "And I tell you, ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

Luke 18:1 - "And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart."

Colossians 4:2 - "Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving."

1 Thessalonians 5:17 - "pray without ceasing"

Hebrews 4:16 - "Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Romans 8:15 - For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

Luke 5:16 - "But he would withdraw to desolate places and pray."

John 15:5 - "I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing."

II. Prayer is <u>Learned</u>.

Luke 11:1 - Now Jesus was praying in a certain place, and when he finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."

John 16:13 - "When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own authority, but whatever he hears he will speak, and he will declare to you the things that are to come."

Proverbs 27:17 - "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another."

Proverbs 13:20 - "Whoever walks with the wise becomes wise, but the companion of fools will suffer harm."

III. Prayer is Answered.

Psalm 65:2 - "O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come."