




PRAYER: SHARING IN THE LIFE OF JESUS



PRAYER

The Proper Approach - Part 1



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PURPOSE:

1. As a family, I want us to know and experience the Father's heart and discover His beauty in our praying.
2. As a family, I want us to be confident, joyful and hopeful in the place of personal and corporate prayer.

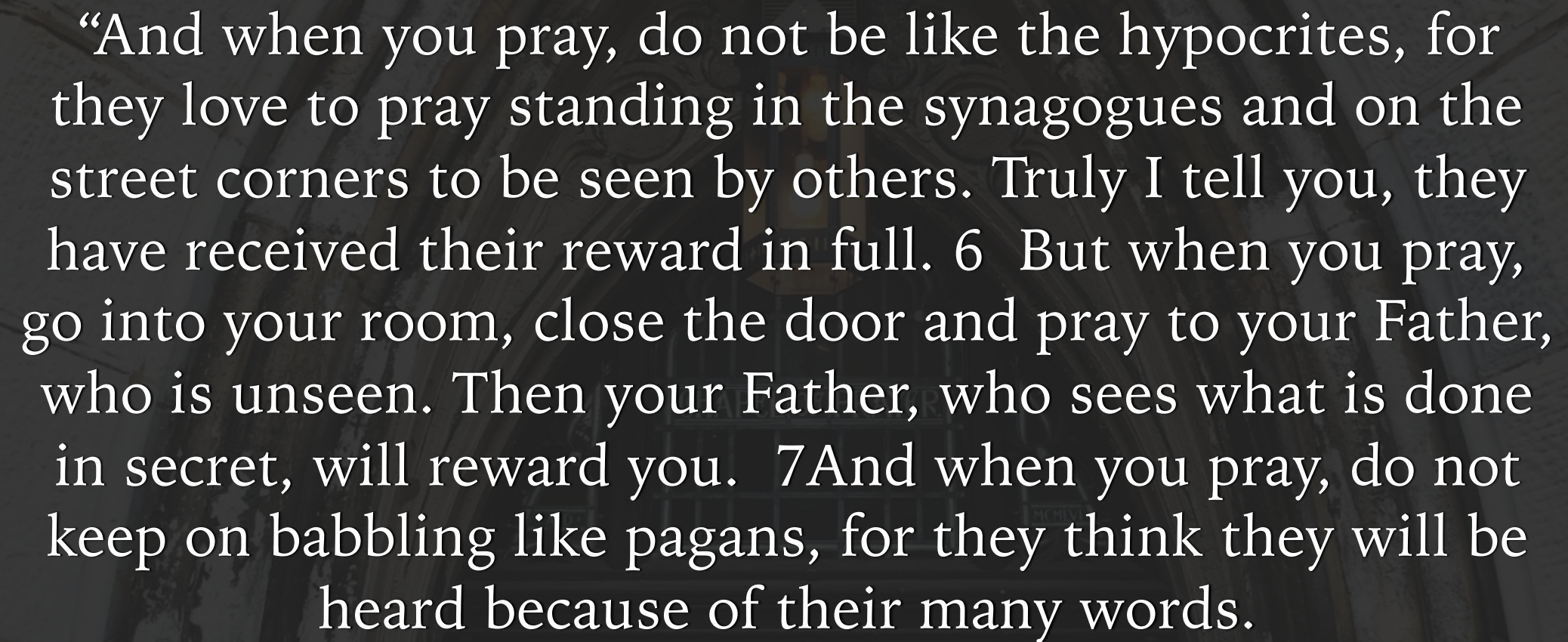


PURPOSE:

3. As a family, I want us to pray because it will build a strong and trusting relationship with Jesus.
4. As a family, I want us to be a people of prayer because prayer changes us & situations.

GOALS:

1. I want us to have a stronger, more consistent prayer life centered on the majesty of God. (*Psalm 27:4, 29:4, 93:1, 96:6, 145:5,12*)
2. Because of your prayer life, I want Christ formed in you (*Galatians 4:19, Colossians 1:9-14, Colossians 4:12*) and Christ demonstrated through you (*Acts 1:8, 14, 2:42, 3:1, 4:24, 6:4, Romans 15:13, Ephesians 3:16-21, Colossians 1:3-7*)



“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. 6 But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. 7 And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.

8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. 9 “This, then, is how you should pray: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, 10 your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us today our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.””

Matthew 9:5-13

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3 PRAYING CHARACTERS:

1. Hypocrites
2. Pagans
3. Christ followers (sonship)

3 PRAYING CHARACTERS' MOTIVE:

1. The hypocrite's motive for prayer is **to be seen.**
2. The pagan's motive for prayer is **to be heard.**
3. The Christian's motive for prayer is **to be formed.**



WHY IS THE PROPER APPROACH IMPORTANT?

1. Our faith and expectation in prayer needs to be rooted in His Fathering goodness and not our eloquence, many words or public display of passion.

WHY IS THE PROPER APPROACH IMPORTANT?

2. We should be formed more by the “Father Heart” of God and less by our reactionary prayers for the hand of God to move.
3. Change your approach, you change your prayer life. You change your prayer life, you change your life.

APPLICATION IDEAS:

1. Commit time each day for the purpose of prayer.
2. Begin to use paternal language while praying.
3. If you struggle knowing what to pray, share in the life of Jesus and pray the Lord's prayer.
4. Pay attention to how your heart is changing as you pray.