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Living Life in the Kingdom of God

## The Ultimate Prayer

Matthew 6:1-15

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### THE FOUNDATION FOR PRAYER

God loves \_\_\_\_\_. He's not just interested in *what* we do, but in *how* we do it.

The requirement for that prayer is a \_\_\_\_\_-based, \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with God as Father.

If God is not your boss but he is your loving Father, then your self-image is based not on you being a \_\_\_\_\_ person, but instead on being a \_\_\_\_\_ person.

There is a place to ask for things in prayer, but the main purpose of prayer is \_\_\_\_\_, relationship, friendship.

### THE SUBSTANCE OF PRAYER

1. \_\_\_\_\_.
2. \_\_\_\_\_. (*Romans 8:28, Genesis 50:20*)
3. \_\_\_\_\_.

Prayer is not just \_\_\_\_\_. It's not just asking God for my needs. Prayer must also be \_\_\_\_\_, which means that prayer must affect your relationships with others too.

4. \_\_\_\_\_ against the \_\_\_\_\_ status quo.

## Matthew 6:1-15

<sup>1</sup> "Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven. <sup>2</sup> So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.

<sup>3</sup> But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. <sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. <sup>8</sup> Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

<sup>9</sup> This, then, is how you should pray: 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, <sup>10</sup> your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. <sup>11</sup> Give us today our daily bread. <sup>12</sup> And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. <sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.' <sup>14</sup> For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. <sup>15</sup> But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."