



An Inside-Out Look On How Prayer Works

1. Don't blow your own horn

Matthew 6:1 *"Be careful not to do your 'acts of righteousness' before men, to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.*

2 *"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 men. I tell you the truth, they have received their reward in full.*

2. Pray like This, Not like that

Matthew 6:5 *"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 men. I tell you the truth, 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.

3. Always fast with a toothpick in your mouth

Matthew 6:16 *"When you fast, do not look somber as the hypocrites do, for they disfigure their faces to show men they are fasting.*

4. You can't take it with you, but you can send it ahead.

Matthew 6:20 *But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

5. The best way to have nothing is wanting everything.

Matthew 6:24 *"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.*

6. Worry is not a form of prayer.

Matthew 6:25 *"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life...*

7. If we seek God on the inside, He will provide what we need on the inside.

Matthew 6:33 *But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*