

Greater Prayer March 26, 2017

- 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 6:5-13

When You Pray...

1. Pray As A Family Member

Matthew 6:9

Romans 8:15

Romans 8:29

2. Make God Your Greatest Treasure

Mathew 6:9

Exodus 20:3

Ezekiel 36:23

3. Have the Right Heart Posture

Mathew 6:10

Romans 12:1-2

Home/Group Study

Many people make little progress in learning to pray simply because they have not seriously entered into Jesus' answer to the explicit request, "Teach us to pray." Praying is a form of speaking, and it is best learned by entering into the words that Jesus gave us to say to God when we pray.

Dallas Willard; The Divine Conspiracy

- 1. Jesus sets the expectation that his followers will be women and men of prayer when He said, "When you pray..." What role has prayer played in your life?
- 2. Apparently, there is a right and wrong way to pray Christ follower prayer vs. pagan prayer. How would you describe the difference between the two?
- 3. Why do you think prayer often becomes for us more of a business transaction than an intimate conversation with our heavenly Father?
- 4. Is it a problem to care more about the thing you pray for that the One you pray too? Why or why not?
- 5. Who's will (*desires*, *choices*) is better; yours or God's? How do you know?