

There's Power in Personal Prayer
Sermon on the Mount Series – Part 7
Matthew 6:1–15

Key Truth:

Prayer is not about impressing people. It is about pursuing a personal relationship with our Heavenly Father.

I. Sharing Secretly

Matthew 6:1–4

Our giving should glorify God—not ourselves.

Biblical Giving

- Give quietly, not for attention.
- Seek God's eternal reward rather than man's applause.
- Worship through generosity, not recognition.

Key Thought:

What is done for God's glory never needs man's applause.

Notes:

II. Praying Privately

Matthew 6:5–15

Prayer is personal before it is public.

A Powerful Prayer Life

- Pray to your Father—not to an audience.
- Enter the "prayer closet" by shutting out distractions.
- Repetition is not the problem; empty repetition is.
- Public prayer should flow from a private walk with God.

Key Thought:

God isn't impressed by impressive prayers. He delights in sincere hearts.

Notes:

III. Following Christ's Prayer Model

Matthew 6:9–15

Jesus gives us a pattern for prayer—not merely words to repeat.

Prayer Recognizes...

His Person

- Our Father
- Heavenly
- Holy

His Presence

- His Kingdom
- His Will

His Provision

- Daily Bread
- Spiritual Nourishment

His Pardon

- His Forgiveness
- Grace to Forgive Others

His Power

- Victory over Sin
- Deliverance from Evil

His Preeminence

- The Kingdom is His.
- The Power is His.
- The Glory is His.

Key Thought:

The goal of prayer is not getting God into our plans, but yielding ourselves to His.

Notes:

Take It Home**Daily Heart Check**

- ☐ Am I seeking God's approval or man's?
- ☐ Is my private prayer life stronger than my public one?
- ☐ Am I trusting God for today's needs?
- ☐ Am I forgiving others as Christ has forgiven me?
- ☐ Am I yielding to His will, His power, and His glory?

Matthew 6:6

"But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret..." (KJV)