

SUNDAY MORNING MESSAGE 05/22/16
SERIES: PRAY – WEEK #1
GET VERTICAL

Matthew 6:5 (ESV)

5 “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

**We all have a tendency
to use SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY
for HUMAN APPROVAL.**

Matthew 6:6 (ESV)

6 But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Matthew 6:7 (ESV)

7 “And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.

**God was paying attention to you,
Long before you chose to
Pay attention to Him.**

Psalms 139:1-4 (ESV)

1 O LORD, you have searched me and known me! 2 You know when I sit down and when I rise up; you discern my thoughts from afar. 3 You search out my path and my lying down and are acquainted with all my ways. 4 Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.

Matthew 6:8 (ESV)

8 Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

**God is already fully aware of
every detail of your life.**

**"The meaning of prayer is that we get hold of God, not of the answer."
-Oswald Chambers**