

Questions for Consideration—With the Master on the Mount—Lesson 11—
Matthew 6:5-8—The Right And Wrong Way To Pray

1. (a) Read Matthew 6:5-8 along with 1 Kings 18:20-46. Who is praying the right way in both of these passages? (b) Who is praying the wrong way in these passages? (c) What do these passages teach you about the importance of praying correctly?
2. Memorize Matthew 6:6.
3. (a) Jesus says in Matthew 6:5 that the hypocrites love to pray in places where they can be seen. According to Matthew 23: 6, 7, Mark 12:38-40 and Luke 16:14, what else do they love? (b) What does Jesus say to them regarding these things in Matthew 23:8-12, Mark 12:40 and Luke 16:15? (c) What other things can one do to be noticed by others? (d) What is the remedy for our self-love? Use Scripture to back your answer.
4. (a) How do you reconcile Matthew 6:7, 8 with Luke 18:1-5? (b) What do you think is meant by the words “vain repetitions” in Matthew 6:7? (c) What are some ways believers pray in that way?
5. (a) Since it is true what Jesus says in Matthew 6:8 that He knows what we need before we ask Him, then why do we need to pray? (b) Why do *you* pray?
6. (a) What are some hindrances one might have to praying? (b) What are some objections some might have to praying publicly? (c) How do we remedy these?
7. Do you find yourself praying more like the kingdom citizen or the hypocrite? What changes do you think God would have you make after considering what His Son says in the Sermon on the Mount? Please write your need or needs in the form of a prayer request to share with your group. (Remember God sees your secret heart so write something that is genuine.)