

Questions for Consideration—With the Master on the Mount—Lesson 12—
Matthew 6:9-15—The Proper Pattern for Praying

1. (a) Read Matthew 6:9-15 along with Luke 11:1-13. Make notes as to what is similar as well as what is different about these two passages. (b) Why do you think these prayers are not exactly the same? (You might look before and after each prayer for some observations!)
2. Please memorize Matthew 6:9-14 as most of it should be familiar to you.
3. (a) What aspects of the prayer mentioned in Matthew 6:9-15 do you see reiterated in David's prayer in 2 Samuel 7:18-29; in Solomon's prayer in 1 Kings 8:22-53; in Jehoshaphat's prayer in 2 Chronicles 20:5-12 and in Daniel's prayer in Daniel 9:3-19? (b) How could these prayers encourage you in your own praying? (c) How do these prayers along with the prayer in Matthew 6 differ from modern day praying? (d) How do you think the religious hypocrites received these instructions on praying?
4. (a) In what ways does the story in Luke 7:36-50 illustrate Jesus' words in Matthew 6:12? (b) Are you as quick to forgive others as our Lord is quick to forgive you?
5. (a) Why do you think Jesus mentions the words in verses 14 and 15 of Matthew chapter 6 after His instruction on prayer? (b) What other passage(s) comes to mind that is similar to these words?
6. (a) What does "Our Father" mean to you? (b) How should these words ("Our Father") alone change the way we pray? (c) In what ways do we as His children make His name holy?
7. Does this prayer have new meaning after studying it this week? Please take time to pray this prayer thinking through each phrase as you do!