
SERMON OUTLINE

Praying like Jesus wants me to

Matthew 6:5-15

- I. Deal with wrong attitudes that block prayer (Matthew 6:5-8)
 - A. Trying to impress others with our prayer life – when God just wants a personal relationship with us (5-6)
 - B. Trying to manipulate God with our prayers – when God already knows our needs (7-8)

- II. Develop right attitudes as we pray (Matthew 6:9-13)
 - A. Praying to correct my attitude toward God (9-10)
 - 1. *Father* – I know I can speak freely and personally to you as my heavenly Father.
 - 2. *Hallowed* – I long for people to honor you as holy.
 - 3. *Your Kingdom Come* – I long for your eternal victory over evil.
 - 4. *Your will be done...as in heaven* – I want your will, not my own.

 - B. Praying to correct my attitude about my needs (11-13)
 - 1. *Daily Bread* – I trust you for all my personal needs.
 - 2. *Forgive us... temptation* – I deeply need your grace and spiritual help.
 - Humility about my sin and grace for others.
 - Dependent on God for help avoiding sin.

 - 3. Additional warning: Our willingness to forgive determines our effectiveness in prayer (14-15).

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