

PERMISSION to SPEAK FREELY.

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INTRODUCTION

More than likely, prayer was one of the first things you began to do as you started growing in your relationship with God. But when was the last time you stopped to examine your prayers? Could it be that they need a little recalibration? As we examine what Jesus had to say about prayer, you will find a fresh appreciation for its purpose and place in your life.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some prayers that God has answered for you?
2. What are some prayers God didn't answer?
3. What dictates God's response to our requests? Why does He answer some and seemingly ignore others? What role does our faith play in this?
4. Where do you currently pray? How conducive is this place to having an intimate conversation with God?
5. Read Matthew 6:5-6. Why would God value a quiet, private place for prayer, rather than a busy, public place?
6. Where would be the best possible place for you to have regular, scheduled prayer?
7. How does God reward private prayer (6:6)?

8. Read Matthew 6:7-8. How does it make you feel to know that God values time and place over the words that we use?

9. If God knows what we need before we ask, why do we need to pray?

THINK ABOUT IT

In light of Jesus' instructions on prayer in Matthew 6:6-8, how should your daily prayers change?

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

Pick a private place and a regular time for prayer. Pray each day this week.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. Matthew 6:8

