



“The Basics of Prayer”

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I. **Matthew 6:5-15**

A. Prayer From The Heart

1. It's not the length of the prayer, but the quantity that matters.
2. “Don't be like the hypocrites (not real)...your prayer life shouldn't be on display to show how eloquent you speak. Just be real and the words will come as they should.

B. The Prayer Closet

1. Your Place where you and God speak face to face
 - * Jesus would go to the mountain, the desert, the garden
 - * It can be a place in your home, even your riding lawn mower can be a place of getting away!
2. Shut the Door
 - * To all distractions (put your phone away and turn the TV off)
 - * To the enemy (Your secret place with God should be well known by Satan and his demons. They should know that when the door is shut, they cannot cross that threshold!)

C. The Content

1. Beginning with worship and ending with worship (enter His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise)
2. Find God's purpose (His will) for every day, then you will have clear understanding of how to pray concerning your daily needs.
3. Forgiveness – the power of answered prayer.

- Prayer should not be the last thing you do...not even the first (so to speak); It should be the very essence of your life!

II. What Prayer Can Do....(All Things Are Possible to Him That Believes)

A. **James 5:13-18**

1. The Key Ingredient is Faith (Unwavering Conviction...)
2. Move Mountains, Divide Seas, Heal the Sick, Raise the Dead...

B. **Acts 12:5-8**

1. Deliverance
2. Pay attention to the key word here: Without Ceasing.

C. **Acts 4:31-32**

1. Powerful moves of God (Revival)
2. Look at why: One Accord