

Teach Us To Pray

Message 2: The Attitude Of Prayer

I. Preface To The “Lord’s Prayer”: Matthew 6:1-9, 16-18

A. The “Sermon On The Mount”:

1. This section of teaching was directed to Jesus’ _____, not the multitudes.
2. The focus of these three chapters is on the dynamics and character of living for those in the _____.

B. Three Spiritual Disciplines:

1. Righteous Deeds (Charitable Giving): Matthew 6:1-4 - _____ to the heart of God.
2. Prayer/Intercession: Matthew 6:5-8 - _____ upon the heart of God.
3. Fasting: Matthew 6:16-18 - _____ upon the heart of God.

II. Prerequisites For An Effective Prayer Life:

A. Three Negative Attitudes to avoid:

1. Ostentation: Matthew 6:1-2, 5 - The act of making an ambitious _____, unnecessary show, pretentious parade.
 - a. Placing one’s self always in the _____ of attention: 6:2
 - b. Results: You will receive the praise and honor of men, but forfeit the praise and honor of God.

2. _____: Matthew 6:7; Psalms 51:16-17; Jeremiah 7:4

3. _____: Matthew 6:16; Luke 17:10

B. Three Positive Attitudes to cultivate:

1. _____: Matthew 6:3-4; Matthew 5:16
2. _____: Matthew 6:6, 8; I Peter 5:5-11
3. _____: Matthew 6:17-18

Note: This is not a call to _____ and put on a happy face when we are hurting and in need.

However, it is a call to be daily _____ and _____ allow the presence of God to transform our spirit, soul, and body – to reflect His glory!

III. Three Promises To Those Who Cultivate The Proper Attitude In Prayer:

A. God will _____: Matthew 6:4, 6, 18; II Chronicles 16:9

B. God will _____: Matthew 6:18; Psalms 34:17-18; I John 5:14

C. God will _____: Matthew 6:4, 6, 18;

1. “...and your Father who sees in secret will reward you _____.”

2. Hebrews 11:6; Matthew 5:13-16; John 15:7-8