

November 1, 2017
“How to Become a Powerful Prayer Warrior”
Matthew 6: 5-18

1. Venues of Prayer

“Whenever you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites, because they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by people. I assure you: They’ve got their reward! ⁶ But when you pray, go into your private room, shut your door, and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”

A. Public Prayer:

B. Private Prayer:

2. Language of Prayer

“When you pray, don’t babble like the idolaters, since they imagine they’ll be heard for their many words. ⁸ Don’t be like them, because your Father knows the things you need before you ask Him.” (7-8)

A. Forthright “babble”

B. Foreknowledge “your Father knows the things you need before you ask Him.” (8)

3. Model for Prayer

“Therefore, you should pray like this: Our Father in heaven, Your name be honored as holy. ¹⁰ Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ¹¹ Give us today our daily bread. ¹² And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. ¹³ And do not bring us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.] ¹⁴ “For if you forgive people their wrongdoing, your heavenly Father will forgive you as well. ¹⁵ But if you don’t forgive people, your Father will not forgive your wrongdoing.” (9-15)

A. Petitions concerning the glory of God

B. Petitions concerning the personal needs of the disciples: Provision, Pardon, Protection

4. Attitude of Prayer and Fasting

“Whenever you fast, don’t be sad-faced like the hypocrites. For they make their faces unattractive so their fasting is obvious to people. I assure you: They’ve got their reward!”¹⁷ But when you fast, put oil on your head, and wash your face,¹⁸ so that you don’t show your fasting to people but to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.” (16-18)

- A. Fasting makes us look inward rather than outward.
- B. Fasting prioritizes the spiritual over the physical.
- C. Fasting disciplines our minds.
- D. Fasting makes us thankful.
- E. Fasting focuses our attention on God’s Word

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