

The New Covenant- Prayer

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Introduction

Matthew 6:5-15

Like giving, prayer is a matter between you and God, not between you and others.

Always examine your motives!

Matthew 6:7

It doesn't matter how we speak our prayers, just that we do.

The Lord's Prayer - given to us as a format, an example for proper praying.

Matthew 6:9

- We should always enter into prayer with worship

Matthew 6:10

- As children of God, our allegiance is always to the kingdom of God. That is our home. That is our nation.
- Our attitude in prayer must always be that His will is accomplished, not ours.

Matthew 6:11

- "Daily" - means "sufficient for the day"
- We petition our Heavenly Father for all our needs.

Matthew 6:12

- Everything preceding this verse assumes we have no unforgiveness in our hearts.

Matthew 6:14-15

- The spiritual principle here is this: We have no right to harbor unforgiveness against someone else.

Matthew 6:13

- We acknowledge in prayer that it is God who must lead us through the many pitfalls in life.

Conclusion

The primary focus for effective praying must be the condition of our hearts.