



“How NOT to Pray”

Mt. 6:5-8 • part 2

INTRODUCTION

- on the nature of true prayer...
- the “Lord’s Prayer” in context

1. True prayer is not hypocritical. (6:5-6)

- “hypocrite”
- is it wrong to pray publicly?

Mk. 8:6; Jn. 6:11; 11:41-42; 12:27-28; Lk. 23:34, 46
Acts 1:24-25; 3:1; 4:24-30; 1 Tim. 2:1

- must we pray in a closet?

Mk. 1:35; 6:46; 14:32

- the ‘rule of the 16s’

1 Sam. 16:7; Lk. 16:15; Prov. 16:2; 2 Chr. 16:9

2. True prayer is not hollow. (6:7-8)

- mindless, vacuous verbiage in world religions

- context of Jesus’ warning

- mindless repetition *v.* mindful repetition

Mt. 26:44; 2 Cor. 12:8
Lk. 11:5-8; 18:1-5

- our prayers do not inform God or change His mind

CONCLUSION