

“So, You Wanna Be Like Jesus?”

Text: Matthew 6:5-8

1. Prayer is _____ with God.
2. Four disciplines:
 - A. intimacy with God;
 - B. simplicity – uncluttering our minds;
 - C. silence and solitude;
 - D. surrendering our will.

Matthew 6:5-8: ⁵ “When you pray, don’t be like the hypocrites. They love to stand in the synagogues and on the street corners and pray so people will see them. I tell you the truth, they already have their full reward. ⁶ When you pray, you should go into your room and close the door and pray to your Father who cannot be seen. Your Father can see what is done in secret, and he will reward you.

⁷ “And when you pray, don’t be like those people who don’t know God. They continue saying things that mean nothing, thinking that God will hear them because of their many words. ⁸ Don’t be like them, because your Father knows the things you need before you ask him.”

3. Prayer is NOT _____ or begging.
4. God is NOT a _____ and He is NOT a ‘cosmic’ Santa Claus!!!!
5. Jesus opened the way for each of us to have _____ access to the throne of heaven.
6. Pray is NOT a get-rich-quick _____.
7. Prayer is NOT presenting God with a “_____” as though He was a genie.

8. Prayer is not meant to be a laborious, painful marathon of _____ misery entered into for hours each day to _____ one's piety to God. It is NOT the repetition of the same religious words.

9. Prayer IS an _____ seeking of God's plan as we willingly adjust OUR will to match His. It is one's personal conversation with God that includes BOTH expressing our concerns and listening to His response. In doing so, we begin to gain the "mind of Christ."

I Timothy 2:1-2: "First of all, I ask you to pray for everyone. Ask God to help and bless them all, and tell God how thankful you are for each of them. ² Pray for kings and others in power, so that we may live quiet and peaceful lives as we worship and honor God."

Acts 2:42: "They spent their time learning from the apostles, and they were like family to each other (fellowship). They also broke bread and prayed together."

10. _____, results-getting prayer includes the thought, "God, this is Your problem to fix. You take control. Let me know what You want me to do if I am to be involved in the solution. By leaving it with You, I will consider it solved."

Philippians 4:7: "And God's peace, which is so great we cannot understand it, will keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

11. "Nothing lies OUTSIDE the reach of prayer, except that which lies OUTREACH the will of God."