

Squaw Creek Baptist Church, Marion, IA.
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SERMON OUTLINE 6/13/10

BIBLE PASSAGE: *Matthew 6:1-15*

TITLE: “IS PRAYER AN ESSENTIAL PART OF THE BELIEVER’S LIFE?”

INTRO:

1. What is _____? Do you use this resource? Do you pray as much and in the ways God wants?
2. Prayer is a _____ organ of the church. You cannot live without your hearts, lungs, or liver...
3. PRAY and be accountable to God in this privilege and discipline. Be an _____ and challenge others to pray!

PROPOSITION: Every believer should have an active and powerful prayer life!

I. THE FREQUENCY OF PRAYER, *Matthew 6:5*.

A. Prayer Is Assumed In God’s Instruction.

1. Passage thrust-sincerity in worship and ministry.
2. God _____ and desires us to pray.
3. Prayer is instructed and modeled in every New Testament book/Prayer goes hand in hand with ministry, *1 Timothy 2:1-8*.

B. Prudence Is Advised In God’s Instruction.

1. Command-Don’t pray like the hypocrites!
2. Priority-your whim or God’s will, *cf. Matthew 23:14*.
3. Do you pray as _____ as the Pharisees did? Do you yield to the Holy Spirit as you pray? *Ephesians 6:18-20*.

II. THE FIXATION OF PRAYER, *Matthew 6:6.*

A. Focus On The Word, "Room."

1. The necessity of prayer is continually emphasized in *Matthew 6:5-7.*
2. Solitary place/ _____ of distraction.
3. Pray in faith, *cf. Matthew 7:7-12.*
4. Christ is not excluding public or corporate prayer...

B. Focus On The Word, "Secret."

1. Emphatic position/Greek sentence structure!
2. _____ privacy/You and God.
3. Pray to the father/Do you believe?
4. Open reward...*cf. Psalm 91:9-16*, (general promise/faithfulness).

III. THE FABRIC OF PRAYER, *Matthew 6:7-15.*

A. The Fabric Is Not, *verses 7, 8.*

1. Vain repetitions/insincerity.
2. Many words/sheer volume.

B. The Fabric Is, *verses 9-15.* Command—"In this manner therefore PRAY"

1. Praise, adoration and _____, *verses 9, 10.*
2. Submission and petition, *verses 10, 11.*
3. Confession of _____, *verse 12.*
4. Request for guidance and protection, *verse 13, cf., Romans 8:26, 27.*
5. Qualification for forgiveness, *verses 14, 15.*

CONCLUSION:

1. Are you on praying ground?
2. What would you give for an effective prayer life that pleases God?