



SUBMITTING MY WILL TO THY WILL

MATTHEW 6:5-15

I. Before we approach God through prayer, we must understand what prayer is not.

A. Prayer isn't meant to show others how _____ we are.

"And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward." v. 5

B. Prayer isn't a _____ formula to get what we want.

"And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words" v. 7

prayer is
a conversation with a personal God
that acknowledges who He is
and requests what He can do

*Prayer is relational, and changes us as much as
God allows prayer to change the things around us.*

II. The first change God makes through our prayers is changing 'my will' to 'Thy will.'

"Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." vv. 9-10

THY WILL

A. God will provide for His children.

"Give us this day our daily bread ..." v. 11

B. God will forgive our sins.

"... and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors." v. 12

C. God will guide us away from temptation.

"And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil." v. 13

MY WILL SUBMITTED TO THY WILL

I will _____ God to provide what I need.

... give me neither poverty nor riches; feed me with the food that is needful for me, lest I be full and deny you and say, "Who is the Lord?" or lest I be poor and steal and profane the name of my God. Proverbs 30:8b-9

I will _____ others graciously.

Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. Ephesians 4:32

I will _____ God away from temptation.

Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the Lord, and turn away from evil. Proverbs 3:7

"... pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you." v. 6

FIRST
-THINGS- *PRAYING FOR*
FIRST *A CHANGE*
HOME GROUP LESSON

1. Look over your notes and discuss sermon points that were meaningful or helpful to you.

2. How does our view of God affect our view of prayer?

3. What is prayer's true purpose? How much has this been your own purpose for prayer in the past?

4. What does prayer have to do with denying ourselves?

5. What does the Lord's Prayer have to do with loving God with all our heart?

6. What are the subtle dangers we can run into if we don't understand the purpose of prayer and follow Jesus' example when we pray?

✓ **On prayer**
 "Praying to God is a problem for many today. Some go through the motions with no idea why; some have exchanged prayer for quiet thought or transcendental meditation; most, perhaps, have given prayer up entirely. Why the problem? The answer is clear. People feel a problem about prayer because of the muddle they are in about God. If you are uncertain whether God exists, or whether he is personal, or good, or in control of things, or concerned about ordinary folk like you and me, you are bound to conclude that praying is pretty pointless, not to say trivial, and then you won't do it."
 J. I. PACKER

COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

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Prayer Journal

FIRST THINGS FIRST:

"Pray then like this: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."
 MATTHEW 6:9-13

Read and pray the Lord's Prayer each day this week as you consider the following:

In what sense should every prayer be a mirror of the Lord's Prayer?

How do I need for the Lord's Prayer to reshape my own prayers?