

HOW TO MAKE CONTACT WITH GOD

What Every Christian Needs to Grow - Part 2 of 4

Matt. 6:5-15 & Selected

Matthew 6:5-15 - Jesus explained how simple and easy it is to make contact with God: through prayer.

I. HOW TO MAKE CONTACT WITH GOD (v. 5-8)

1. _____

"When you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men." (vs. 5)

* Don't try to _____

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2. _____

"But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." (vs. 6)

3. _____

"Don't recite the same prayer over and over as the heathen do, who think prayers are answered only by repeating them again and again. Remember, your Father knows exactly what you need before you ask Him!" (vs. 7-8 LB)

II. WHAT TO SAY WHEN I MAKE CONTACT WITH GOD

"This, then, is how you should pray..."

1. PRAISE: _____

"Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name." (vs. 9)

2. PURPOSE: _____

"Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." (vs. 10)

3. PROVISION: _____

"Give us today our daily bread." (vs. 11)

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God." Philippians 4:6

4. PARDON: _____

"Forgive us our debts..." (vs. 12a) "sins" Luke 11:4

5. PEOPLE: _____

"... as we also have forgiven our debtors." (vs. 12b)

"For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive yours." (vs. 14-15)

6. PROTECTION: _____

"and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from the evil one." (vs. 13)

III. THE POWERFUL KEY TO PRAYER: _____

"OUR Father... give US ... OUR daily bread ... forgive US ... OUR debts ... as WE have forgiven OUR debtors ... lead US not into temptation ... deliver US ..."

"I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done by my Father in heaven. For where two or three come together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew 18:19-20