

# DEVELOPING A DEEPER (PRAYER) LIFE IN GOD

## Matthew 6:5-15

**1. The first step toward a deeper life of prayer is to put down your wish lists and sit quietly before Him.** Reel in your scattered thoughts and senses and become fully present in place and time.

- 1 Kings 19:11-12; Psalm 46:10; Matthew 6:6



**2. The second step is to focus on Him —** His Character, His qualities and His Names.

Praise and worship Him. Don't be in a hurry. Bask in His Presence, let Him speak to your spirit. Remember His Words really are Life.

- 1 Chronicles 16:8-10; Psalm 119:130; Proverbs 18:10; Matthew 6:9

**3. The next step is to understand and establish His priorities.** Our prayer ceases to be demanding or self-centered. Instead, it becomes prayer for genuine personal needs (petition) AND prayer for others (intercession).

- Matthew 6:11, 33; Ephesians 6:18

**4. Be aware of our enemy's activities and access into our mind and life.** He is subtle and crafty and understands human nature. Here are important principles to keep in mind:

- Unforgiveness closes the door. Instead of working through you, God has to work on you. Matthew 6:12, 14-15
- Hidden and unconfessed sin closes God's ear. Psalm 66:18
- God may "lead us" into hidden and unconfessed sin to reveal what is in our heart. James 1:14; 1 John 1:8-9

**5. Genuine prayer gives us the ability to be the overcoming warrior God has ordained us to be.** These are a few steps that lead us to live a life of confidence in our relationship with Him!

- Matthew 6:13

Next week: The Master's Prayer Pattern