

# PRAYER

## Prayer: What It's Not

Matthew 6:5-8

**(1) Prayer is not a \_\_\_\_\_ to be measured and judged by others. (6:5-6)**

**Note:** God's intended \_\_\_\_\_ for prayer is not the acknowledgment and affirmation of others but rather the experience of basking in His love for us!

**(2) Prayer is not a \_\_\_\_\_ to convince God to agree with you. (6:7-8)**

**Note:** God wants us to sincerely pour our heart out to Him, even if we are repetitive in that outpouring, however, when we begin to think that God honors certain words over other words, or honors how those words are used when conversing with Him, then we are making a mockery of who \_\_\_\_\_ is!

**Challenge:** Is your spirituality centered in the joy of knowing and being known by \_\_\_\_\_ or the pride of accomplishment you feel in living a life you believe meets standards you think God wants you and everybody else to live?