

“Tips for Effective Prayer”
Short series on PRAYER – part 4
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Text: Matthew 6:5-8; James 1:5-8; 1 Thessalonians 5:17...

We must see the exercise of prayer as a process that deepens our love relationship with God. We must cultivate a daily prayer time and thereby become a strong people of prayer. It'll transform our lives! Allow me to suggest five tips or guidelines....

1. BE R _____ – Matthew 6:5-8 –

“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. ⁶But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.”

2. BE S _____ – Matthew 6:7 –

⁷“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.”

**3. BE S _____ (ask the right way)
– Matthew 6:8 –**

⁸“Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.”

4. BE S _____ (pray with all your heart) – James 1:5-8 –

⁵If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. ⁶But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. ⁷For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; ⁸he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.”

5. BE STEADFAST – 1 Thessalonians 5:17 –

“Pray without ceasing...”

