



The "P" Series – Let's Pray
Praying Practically

For the hypocrite, their goal was not to gain the ear of God, but to _____ men.

We're all vulnerable to use public platforms to _____ with God for Glory.

I. We Pray _____.
Mat. 6:6

Praying in private is the _____ form of prayer because there is no one to impress.

Psa. 4:4 Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.

Psa. 139:2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising, thou understandest my thought afar off.

God always knows _____ we're doing what we're doing.

- The prayer closet is the freest place on planet earth.

II. We Pray _____.
Acts 12:5

- MBT Core Ministry Principle #1: We are a House or Prayer.

Mat. 18:19 Again I say unto you, That if two of you shall agree on earth as touching any thing that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of my Father which is in heaven. **20** For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

Corporately, we are _____ to Jesus when we agree together in prayer.

III. We Pray _____.
Rom. 15:30-32

- Intercessory prayer is very Christlike.

Luke 23:34 Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. And they parted his raiment, and cast lots.

Heb. 7:25 Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

Mature believers pray for others with the same _____ and _____ as they pray for themselves.

IV. We Pray _____.
1 Thes. 5:17

- A key to praying frequently is not quenching the Spirit.

1 Thes. 5:19 Quench not the Spirit.

"It is not a matter of time so much as a matter of heart; if you have the heart to pray, you will find the time." -Charles Spurgeon

Psa. 55:17 Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.

V. We Pray _____.
1 Tim. 2:8

- When we pray, we must be clean (lifting up holy hands), right with others (without wrath), and full of faith (doubting).

Doubt not only displease the Lord (Psa. 78), but it essentially renders praying as a _____ exercise.

Jas 1:5 If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all *men* liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. **6** But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering. For he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. **7** For let not that man think that he shall receive any thing of the Lord. **8** A double minded man *is* unstable in all his ways.

"A prayerless church member is a hindrance. He is in the body like a rotting bone or a decayed tooth. Before long, since he does not contribute to the benefit of his brethren, he will become a danger and a sorrow to them. Neglect of private prayer is the locust which devours the strength of the church."

-Charles Spurgeon