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Matthew 6:1-18 "Prayer"

How do you grow in your love for God & others, even to the point of loving your enemies? Plunging yourself consistently in the soul satisfying love of God through prayer.

The MOTIVE of our Communication w/ God:

- Earthly fathers shape our concept of our Heavenly Father but God is a Father like you've never known. V9 "Our Father..."
- There has never been or will be a father (parent) on earth who wants the very best for their child as much as your Father in Heaven wants for you! V9 "Our Father in heaven..."
- There's a major difference between doing good works to achieve salvation (Religion) & doing good works in gratitude for having received salvation (Gospel). Vv1, 4, 6, 8, 9, 14, 15, 18 "Father"; Rom8:15-17; Gal4:6-7; 1Jn3:1

The METHOD of our Communication w/ God:

Adoring – "Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven." vv9-10; Phil4:4; Ps9:9-10; Ps23; Ps103

Accepting – "Your will be done..." v10; Jn15:10; Rom8:28

Asking – "Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil..."vv11-14; Phil4:6-7, 13, 19

Advancing – "Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" V10; Matt16:18; Jn10:10.

The Means of our Communication w/ God:

Jn14:6; 2Cor5:21; You may have longed to hear these words from your earthly father but didn't...here they are from your Heavenly Father through Christ - Mark1:11 "You are my beloved Son (daughter); with you I am well pleased."



Growing

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- 1) How important is prayer in the Christian life? How would you motivate someone to pray? Why do you think that plunging yourself consistently in the soul satisfying love of God through prayer would make you a more loving person?

- 2) Read Matthew 6:1-18. How would the Fatherhood of God be a great MOTIVE for prayer (Vv1, 4, 6, 8, 9, 14, 15, 18 "Father"; Rom8:15-17; Gal4:6-7; 1Jn3:1)? What would be the difference in relating to God as a boss vs. father? How do our earthly fathers influence our concept of our Heavenly Father though God is a Father like you've never known?

- 3) Review the METHOD for our communication with God (vv9-13). Why do you think adoration is the most important part of pray to prepare you to face anything? Why do you think that accepting ("your will be done" v10) prayer is so frightening? What is asking prayer (vv11-14; Phil4:6-7, 13, 19) & advancing prayer (v10; Matt16:18; Jn10:10)?

- 4) What are the MEANS of our Communication with God (Jn14:6)? What does it mean that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life? You may have longed to hear these words from your earthly father but didn't...here they are from your Heavenly Father through Christ (Mark1:11). Why is that true based on 2Cor5:21? If you had any idea of what your Father in Heaven thinks & feels about you & wants to do in your life...nothing would keep you from prayer! Explain. Pray through the Lord's Prayer.