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PRAYER IS PRIVATE DEVOTION

“PRAY TO YOUR FATHER WHO IS IN SECRET, AND, YOUR FATHER WHO SEES IN SECRET WILL REPAY YOU.”

Matthew 6:6 (NIV)

Prayer is never something we do to be seen. It loses its whole purpose if it becomes a platform to impress others. It is a **private act of devotion**, not a public demonstration of piety. According to Jesus, it belongs in the closet of our lives, an act done in secret....

Christ never saw a prayer as pleading or begging or hammering away at the throne of God. **No, the Father knows His children, He knows what we need.** Therefore, there is no reason to think that **connecting with Him** requires special words excessively repeated....

Prayer was never intended to be a verbal marathon for only the initiated no secret-code talk for the clergy or a public display of piety. None of that. **Real prayer**-the kind of prayer Jesus mentioned and modeled - **is realistic, spontaneous, down-to-earth communication with the living Lord** that results in a relief of personal anxiety and a calm assurance that our God is in **full control** of our circumstances. **Amen.**

Strengthening Your Grip

Charles R. Swindoll
Wisdom for the Way

“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” Matthew 28:18 – 20

