



## The Greatest Sermon Ever Taught

### Matthew 6:5-8

#### Intimacy with Your Father

1. Here's the incredibly amazing reality! The Creator of the Universe wants a \_\_\_\_\_ with you.

**Matthew 6:5** "When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get."

2. When you pray, make sure you have the right motive for prayer. If you don't have the right motive:

a. You are \_\_\_\_\_ your time.

b. You are \_\_\_\_\_ God.

3. But pray with the right \_\_\_\_\_. "I want to know you better Lord ... Father."

**Matthew 6:6** But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

4. Religion and the religious leaders tried to stand between the people and God. The people had to go through the leaders \_\_\_\_\_ with God.

5. He will reward you—not for the quality of your prayer, but for your \_\_\_\_\_ to know Him better.

**7** "When you pray, don't babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again."

6. Real prayer is about the pursuit of intimacy not the pursuit of religious excellence. It's \_\_\_\_\_ personal.

7. The fact that we can have intimate, personal, one-on-one time with creator God, is beyond our \_\_\_\_\_.

a. Jesus died to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ for the connection to God.

b. The Holy Spirit was "installed" in us to make the \_\_\_\_\_.

**8** Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask Him! **NLT**

8. Question: If my Father already knows what I need before I even ask, then why do I need to ask at all. Or, put bluntly, \_\_\_\_\_?

9. Prayer is about pursuing a deeper and deeper relationship with God. The ingredients include:

a. \_\_\_\_\_ – listening to His word

b. \_\_\_\_\_ what He is doing around you

c. \_\_\_\_\_ - Take my focus off of my needs or wants and focus on those around me.

10. The reason for prayer is because my Father actually wants an \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.