

HOW NOT TO PRAY

Matthew 6:5-8

In Matthew 6, Jesus addresses three things that He _____ those seeking God were actively practicing in their lives:

When you _____ Matthew 6:2

When you _____ Matthew 6:5

When you _____ Matthew 6:16

Let's consider six ways prayer was practiced in the 1st Century Jewish community.

1. Every individual started each _____ and ended each _____ praying the same prayer: "The Shema."

"_____, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one." Deuteronomy 6:4-9 & 11:13-28; Numbers 15:37-41

Hearing = _____

2. The Jews in Jesus' audience repeated the "Shemoneh 'esreh" daily.

3. They used prayers _____ for various occasions.

4. Jews lived in a society with _____ times established for personal prayer. Daniel 6:10

5. By the time of Jesus, people were associating prayer with Holy _____

6. Personal times of prayer in the synagogue or Temple, became times for spiritual _____

"...when you pray, do not be like _____!" Matthew 6:5

The remedy Jesus gives to religious pretense... Matthew 6:6; John 4:23-24

The kind of people God is looking to meet with are those who come to Him _____

"And when you pray, do not keep on _____ like pagans..." Matthew 6:7
1 Kings 18:26-39

"Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask Him."
Matthew 6:8

Ecclesiastes 5:2

Jesus is _____ opposed to us praying with others.

Jesus' big point is...



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Annual Meeting: During services on June 10/11, members will be asked to approve the proposed increase from the prior year's budget of \$4.2 million to \$4.65 million for the 2017-2018 fiscal year. We will also vote on the purchase of a building and 10 acres for our new campus for \$425,000 in Midtown, Roane County. Our leadership has prayed for clarity and direction regarding this location. We are very excited that God has provided so clearly. At the same meeting members will vote for the re-election of Bruce Wagner, Bill Moyer and Mike Sneed to the board of elders. Should you have any questions regarding the proposed budget or the purchase of the property elders will be available on June 5/6 from 7:00-8:00P at 2RC. Words of acceptance or concern regarding these candidates can be expressed personally to a member of the elder board or via signed, written letter submitted to the board. To see the proposed budget, go to 2RC.TV/AnnualUpdate.

FAMILY

Family Camp: July 11-13, 3 evenings packed with learning about the Creator & priceless time with your family. Each night you will experience: worship, science projects, bounce houses & more! Dinner provided Thursday, July 13. Cost: \$30/family. Register at 2RC.tv/FamilyCamp.

STUDENTS

MSM Summer Kickoff: Middle schoolers, let's kick our summer off right with shaved ice, an inflatable slip-n-slide & a whole lot of fun! **June 7, 6:30-8:00P in the River Splash Theater.**

FUEL Summer Nights: High schoolers, come join us this summer for a relaxed time of worship, community & fun! Every Wednesday after Summer Nights, we will be going out to get something to eat or having a fun activity, so don't miss it! Summer Nights kick off on **June 7 from 6:30-8:00P in the Student Center.**

YOUNG ADULTS

1829 Gathering: Join us this Thursday, June 1 for our monthly 1829 Gathering. We will be having a cookout and volleyball. We will be gathering from **7:00-9:00P at the Shed.**

PRAYER REQUESTS

I PRAYED TO RECEIVE CHRIST TODAY!

MID-WEEK TIMES

MSM (6-8 Grade)
Wednesday 6:30-8:30P
[River Splash | 2RC.tv/MSM](http://2RC.tv/MSM)

FUEL (9-12 Grade)
Wednesday 6:30-8:30P
[Student Center | 2RC.tv/FUEL](http://2RC.tv/FUEL)

The Well (Prayer & Worship)
Wednesday 6:30-8:30P
[River Room | 2RC.tv/WELL](http://2RC.tv/WELL)

1829 (18-29 years old)
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Putting The Bible Into Practice:

Hearing that Jesus assumes His disciples we will be giving, praying & fasting, which of these have you had least experience with, and why?

Describe a funny example of pretense you have seen. Why do we shift our concern from caring most about what God thinks, to what others think? What does this reveal about our belief system? If we truly played to an audience of One, what would look differently in your life? Can you identify some examples of private meetings with God from the Bible?

In Matthew 6:6, Jesus instructed us to pray in a private place rather than in a public space. Why do we sometimes hesitate to meet God so personally and privately?

Challenge:

Memorize Matthew 6:6. Set aside a time and place to meet privately with God.

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