Learning to Pray Like Jesus
Praying: A Couple “Dont’s”
Matthew 6:5-15    Pg 685
Don’t Neglect Prayer Waiting for the Right Time, Words or Issue.

- Disciples asked: Teach us to pray
  - Right Words  Luke 11
  - Right time  Mt 6:5
  - Right Issue  Rom 8:26
  - Right Issue  Mt 6:26
Don’t Pray to People, Pray to God

- Not to be seen  
  Mt 6:5
- Not to be heard  
- Not to impress  
  Lk 18:10
Don’t Pray Prayers That Are Empty Repetition

- Mindless empty repetition  
  >Onomatopoetic (Babble, Murmur)

- Repeating words w no true connection

Mt 6:7
When A Memorized Prayer Helps!

Overwhelming Anxiety, Worry, Concern

> Create a personal prayer designed to target the issue
> Limit it to 5-7 words (Under 10, fewer the better!)
> Make sure EVERY word is meaningful to YOU
> Memorize it
> Pray it to replace your worry with God’s peace

“Lord Jesus, Help me trust your goodness.”
Don’t Stop Praying Too Early

How Long Should I Pray, When Do I Stop?

- When circumstances change: Time Out
- When God says Yes!
- When God clearly says No

When it is clearly not His Will
Don’t Pray Arrogantly
Luke 18:10

• **We cannot demand from God**
• **We can pray His word back to Him**
• **We can pray in faith**
• **We cannot pray arrogantly**
Be Sure...

- You aren’t neglecting to pray
- You are talking to God, not people!
- Your head and heart are connected
- You don’t give up too soon
- You aren’t being arrogant
- You are being honest with God
Don’t Be Dishonest With God!
Mt 26:39

- Moses was honest
- Jacob was honest
- Gideon was honest
- David was honest
- Jesus was honest

“*I can’t*”

“*I won’t let you go!*”

“*I’m afraid*”

“*How long?*”

“*Is there any other way?*”