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What Jesus Taught About Prayer Part 2

In this sermon, we learn three prayer principles that will enable us to receive answers to our prayers.

1 Do not pray to be seen

1.1 This is not saying we should never pray in public – Acts 1:12-14

1.2 Jesus is referring to those who want to receive glory from men - Matthew 6:1-2

1.3 Being seen by others is the only reward they will receive.

2 Develop a private prayer life with God

2.1 Jesus had a private prayer life – Mark 6:46, Mark 1:35, Luke 5:16

2.2 God will reward you openly

2.3 One of the rewards of a private prayer life is a closer walk with God James 4:8

3 Do not use vain repetitions in prayer

3.1 The Bible teaches that some prayers can be prayed continually – Colossians 1:9

3.2 The difference is, are you praying for others or yourself

3.3 In Matthew 6:8, *“things that YOU have need of.”*

3.4 When you pray for yourself, you pray once and believe you receive – Mark 11:24

Conclusion: Jesus taught that we should not pray to be seen but develop a private prayer life that brings rewards. Jesus also taught that we should not believe repetition in praying will cause God to answer our prayer, but believe we receive when we pray.

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the only reward received when we pray to be seen?
2. Why should we develop a private prayer life with God?
3. Instead of praying repetitiously, how should we pray?