



“If you continue in My word, then are you My Disciples **InDeed...**”

Don't Pray in an Empty Way

Matthew 6:7-8 “But when ye pray, use not vain repetitions, as the heathen do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him.”

In our last lesson Jesus warned against the danger of praying to be seen of men; in this lesson He encourages us to guard against praying in vain like the unbelievers do. What does it mean to pray using “vain repetitions”? _____

What are some ways that Christians in our day use vain repetitions? _____

Why do you think unbelievers use “vain repetitions” in their prayers? _____

Is it possible to use the “Lord’s Prayer” as a vain repetition? How? _____

In verse 8 Jesus tells us why we don’t have to pray vainly like the heathen: Our God is a Father who already knows everything that we need before we ask Him! How does that change our situation from that of unbelievers? _____

Is it okay to pray the same prayer more than once? (Matt 26:44) _____

One application of praying in vain is praying in such

a manner or for such a thing that God will not bless. The following Scriptures reveal some of these things. Look them up and write down what they are.

Psa 66:18 _____

James 1:5-7 _____

James 4:3 _____

1 Peter 3:5-7 _____

1 John 5:14-15 _____

John 15:7 _____

Jer 29:13 _____

Matt 15:7-9 _____

Am I a “Disciple InDeed”?

1. Are my prayers conversations with my Father or do I just rattle off a list of requests to God?
2. Do I get answers to my prayers or does it seem like they aren’t availing with God?
3. Does my relationship with my spouse help or hinder my prayers?
4. Do I keep the channels of communication open with God or do I allow a guilty conscience to hinder my prayers?



Doers of the Word

What am I going to do with God’s Word today?



Further Study: 1 Ki 18, Prov 15:29, Isa 65:24

“...And you shall know The Truth, and The Truth shall **make you Free!**”

