

Prayer is simply talking to God our heavenly Father,

Misconceptions about Prayer:

1. Public prayer is an opportunity to show _____ you are (5-6).

Correct View: Prayer is an opportunity to commune with God, who rewards those with proper _____ (6).

a. Prayer "postures"

- i. Prostrate (Num. 16:22; Josh 5:14; Dan. 8:17; Matt. 26:39; Rev. 11:16)
- ii. Kneeling (2 Chron. 6:13; Dan 6:10) Luke 22:41; Acts 7:60; 9:40; 20:36; 21:5)
- iii. Sitting (2 Sam. 7:18)
- iv. Standing (1 Sam. 1:26; Mark 11:25; Luke 18:11, 13).

b. Prayer promises

- i. Philippians 4:6-9 _____
- ii. John 16:23-24 _____
- iii. Matthew 7:7-11 _____
- iv. Luke 11:13 _____

Mistake to avoid: _____ public prayer

2. The length of our prayers is what makes the _____ (7-8).

Correct View: God answers our prayers not based on our words but on _____ and the _____ he has established with us (8).

Mistake to avoid: never praying _____

A New Perspective on Prayer:

- Personally—from requirement to _____
- Church—from activity to _____

How I can put the Word into practice this week:

How I can help someone else put the Word into practice this week:

40 DAYS OF PRAYER

PRACTICE WHAT HE PREACHED: PRAYER

Our vision is to develop people into followers of Jesus Christ with a passion to worship God well and communicate his love to others.

If you are our guest today, please complete the guest card located in the pocket of the chair in front of you. After the service, you are invited to join our church family for coffee and light refreshments in the back of the Worship Center.

Harvest Kids classes are available during the worship service for babies - preschoolers. Elementary students join their families for the first portion of the service, and then are dismissed to their classes.

Today's sermon from Matthew 6:5-8, "Prayer: a New Perspective," is the first message in the 2017 40 Days of Prayer. Journals are available in the lobby.

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