

Sermon Quotes
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Living in the Good of the Gospel
Learning From Jesus How To Pray

*“Lord, teach us to pray. Yes, to pray. This is what we need to be taught. Though in its beginnings prayer is so simple that the feeblest child can pray, yet it is at the same time the highest and holiest work to which man can rise. It is fellowship with the Unseen and Most Holy One. The powers of the eternal world have been placed at its disposal...And for this blessed work, how lazy and unfit we are...At first there is no work that appears so simple; later on, none that is more difficult; and the confession is forced from us: **'We do not know how to pray as we ought.'** It is true we have God's Word, with its clear and sure promises; but sin has so darkened our mind, that we do not always know how to apply the Word...All this must be learned.”*

—Andrew Murray

Point #1 – (Vs. 5) We don't need to worry when we pray about using just the right words or fancy-sounding words to impress God.

Point # 2 (Vs. 6) Jesus tells us that when we pray, the Father wants us to draw near to Him in a Quiet Time and a Quiet Place.

Point # 3 (Vs. 7-8) Jesus tells us the Father is looking for sincere expressions from the heart, not memorized prayers repeated over and over again.

Point # 4 (Vs. 9-13) In the “Our Father” the Lord is giving us a pattern for Quiet Time Prayer, not the exact words to pray.

“We fail to bring little troubles to God, and perhaps on account of their being so little, we fancy that we must not mention them to the Most High...These little things are of momentous concern to such little ones as we are. And the God that stoops toward us has already brought Himself down so low that we need not fear that we shall somehow bring Him lower still. No, you may go to Him if you like about that lost key, or about that child's swelling finger, or about that word that irritated you just now. There is nothing little to a father in the thing that troubles his child. And your great God, having once determined to observe and care for you—numbering the very hairs of your head—will not think you intrude upon Him if you bring your daily troubles to Him. Let the righteous live by faith even in the little, common affairs of life.”

—Charles Spurgeon

