



SPIRITUAL HABITS

SCRIPTURE, PRAYER & COMMUNITY



What Not To Do

- **Don't be like the hypocrites ... they love to be seen**
 - **9am, 12pm, 3pm - the hours of prayer**
 - **What's your motive? Why are you praying?**



- **Don't babble on and on and on**
 - **Length and language \neq righteous prayer**
 - **1 Kings 18:16-39**
 - **Ecclesiastes 5:1,2**
 - **Who is your God? Does He need to be convinced or persuaded?**
- **Your Father in heaven knows what you need before you ask.**



- **Praying doesn't inform God of things He doesn't know**
- **So why do we pray?**



The Lord's Prayer

- **Jesus gave us a model of what sincere prayer looks like**
- **Father - expresses Christianity's unique relationship between Creator and creation**
- **In Heaven - recognizes when our Father God is.**
- **glorious, eternal, not bound by physical restrictions**



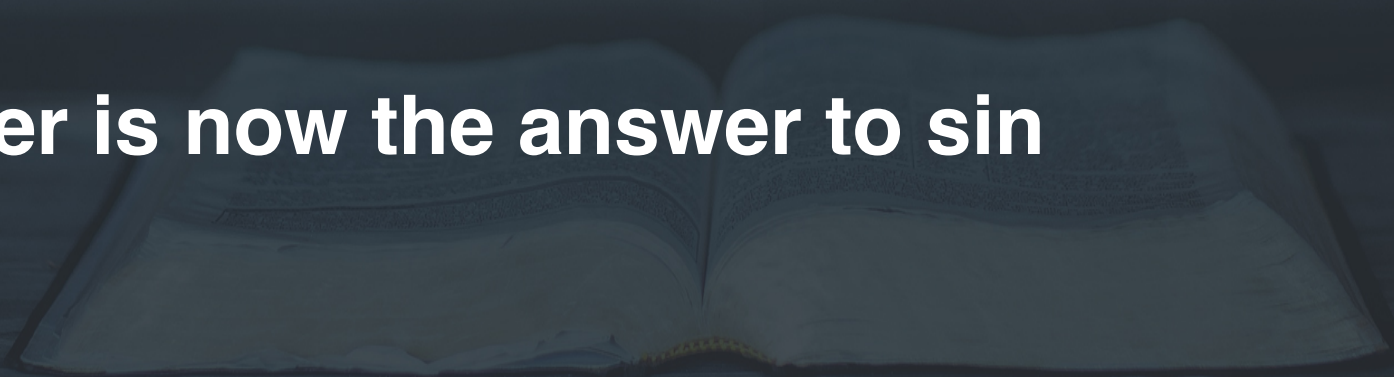
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- **Hallowed by your name - sincere prayer recognizes who God is and that He is worthy of all praise and honor.**
- **Your kingdom, Your will - sincere prayer recognizes its not about us.**
 - **this puts us in the proper frame of mind for presenting our requests**
- **Its God's kingdom and God's will that we should be the most concerned about**



The Lord's Prayer

- **Give us today our daily bread - Jesus knows we have regular needs.**
 - **We are taught to seek God for our physical nourishment**
- **Forgive our sins - another regular need we have is forgiveness**
- **Prayer is now the answer to sin**



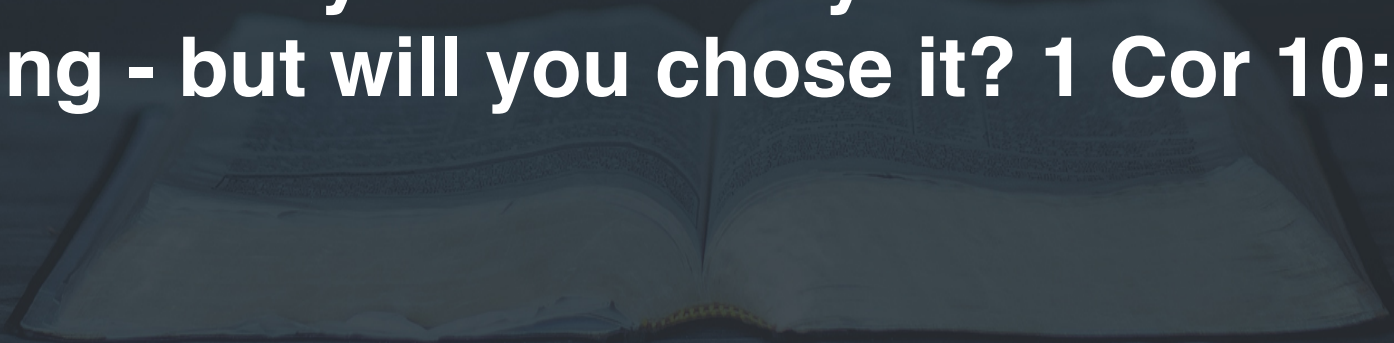
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- **As we forgive others - we are reminded that it is required of us to forgive**
- **If you forgive than you will also be forgiven -
Matt 6:14**
- **Forgiving others is not optional for Christians**



The Lord's Prayer

- **Lead us not to temptation & deliver us from the evil one**
 - **temptation literally means test**
 - **God does not tempt us to do evil but He does allow us to be tested by evil**
 - **You will always have a way out of tests w/o sinning - but will you chose it? 1 Cor 10:13**



The Lord's Prayer

- Yours is the kingdom, Yours is the power, Yours is the glory
- We conclude with a reminder - it's God who gets the glory, its God who has all the power, and its God's kingdom in which we serve.





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