

SPEAK FROM THE HEART TO THE KING

Matthew 6:5-15

November 11, 2018

I. Why should I _____?

III. Pray prayers that God _____.

II. Don't pray prayers that God _____.

**PRAY TO BUILD A _____,
NOT A _____.**

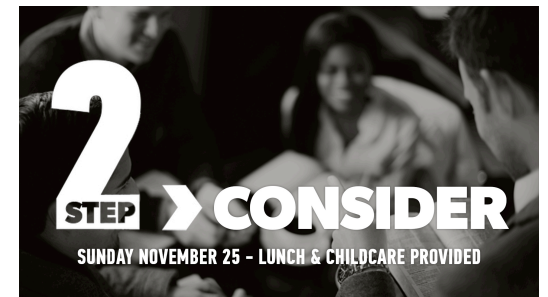
Stewardship Report:

Last Week: \$4,980.00

This Month: \$4,980.00

Last Month: \$16,581.00

Monthly Budget: \$17,338.00



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SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

Horizontal prayer will always lack vertical power and impact.

1. REVIEW THE SERMON

Read Matthew 6:5-15. Why do you think Jesus spent more time teaching on prayer than other subjects (like giving, fasting, etc..) in this section of His sermon? What does Jesus' teaching reveal about why it is important for His disciples to pray?

Based on Jesus' teaching in this passage, make a list of things God hates and loves to hear from His people when they pray. Why does God hate or love the things you listed?

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Why do you pray? Think about various times you pray throughout the week. What is your motive behind each time/type of prayer? Review the list of ways prayer draws us closer to God and see which ones are missing from your prayer life. What can you do to correct this in your prayer life?



Can you think of a time in your life when you prayed a prayer that would land on Pastor Micah's list of prayers God hates? What was going on in your head/heart when you prayed that prayer? What was motivating you to pray like you did?

3. APPLY THE TRUTH

Pastor Micah shared 5 Prayer Essentials that can help you pray more prayers God loves to hear and answer. Which of these are you doing and not doing? What can you do to build one or more of these essentials to your regular prayer routine?

4. COMMIT THIS WEEK

Prayer can be a scary, confusing and overwhelming topic for lots of Christians. It is easy to get frustrated or overwhelmed and just check out. Don't try to bite off more than you can chew at one time. Pick 1 of the 5 Prayer Essentials you are currently not doing, write it below, ask the Lord to help you incorporate this essential in to your prayer life this week and commit to make it happen. Share with your group so they can check on your progress next week.

