

– Matthew 6.6-13 –
Words to Teens 2
Going to the Father in Prayer

Mat 6:6 “When you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. 7 And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8 Therefore do not be like them. For your Father knows the things you have need of before you ask Him. 9 In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. 10 Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. 11 Give us this day our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. 13 And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.”

* **At the** very heart of wisdom is _____ with _____ himself.

Prov 9.10 *The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.*

* **Going to** the _____ in _____ is one of the main and most direct ways in which we come to know _____ more and more.

* **Because of** what Christ has done, the God of heaven and earth, creator, sustainer, and governor of all things is your _____.

* **Going to** a “secret place” doesn’t mean we can’t pray, or God won’t hear us, elsewhere; rather it indicates the _____ of prayer from God’s perspective, and what should also be our perspective.

* **Vs 7-8** mean that we don’t have to pray with any special _____, nor do we need to _____ God into hearing us.

* In vs 8, Jesus is telling us that the reason for prayer is not so we can inform God; it is because God wants to _____ us.

* **Another** reason why the Father wants us to come to him in prayer is that he want to _____ us as we pray, so that we come to think and see and believe and imagine and desire as a _____.

Rom 8.15 ... *you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, “Abba, Father.” 16 The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, 17 and if children, then heirs— heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ*

* **God wants** to hear whatever you need, no matter how small, but he wants us to see those needs in light of the much bigger context of his _____, not only because it is of ultimate importance in its own right, but also because it is _____ kingdom, too, for we are God's royal _____ through Christ.

Luke 22.29 And I bestow upon you a kingdom, just as My Father bestowed one upon me.

* **As redeemed** sinners, we start out with our souls _____ and kind of _____. God wants to make them _____, like him.

* **Being forgive** is wonderful, it makes us _____ of God; but it does not make us _____ God — _____ others does (vs 12).

Mat 6.15 But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

* **If someone** persistently refuses to forgive, when they have been forgiven so much, they are saying by their behavior that they don't want to be like the _____. And if they say it long enough, they're really saying to God, "I don't want you as my _____."

* **In vs 13**, Jesus is teaching us to have God's perspective on the various _____ we face. Every _____ involves a temptation, and every temptation involves a _____. The difference is God wants us to _____, and Satan wants us to _____.

* **There is** forgiveness when we _____, but the point is for us to develop as _____ by becoming more and more like _____.

* **In light** of all these things, find _____, make _____ for prayer. It is a _____ you cannot afford to _____.