



## PART 1: Where & When Do Matter

\_\_\_\_\_ with God is a \_\_\_\_\_ to be.

Sneaky suspicion: When it comes to the state of their prayer lives, most Christians live under a constant & uncomfortable burden of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

### EXPERIENCE TEACHES

- It seems difficult to measure up to '\_\_\_\_\_,'.
- Your prayer life will most likely have \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_.
- \_\_\_\_\_ has some value.

**THE BENCHMARK (James 5:16)** → It is possible to have a \_\_\_\_\_ prayer life.

### **THE SETUP (Matthew 6:5-10)**

<sup>5</sup>“When you pray, don’t be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. <sup>6</sup>But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

<sup>7</sup>“When you pray, don’t babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. <sup>8</sup>Don’t be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him! <sup>9</sup>Pray like this:

#### A. \_\_\_\_\_ YOU PRAY (v6)

- \* The assumption is that there will be times you \_\_\_\_\_ to pray.
- \* God wants \_\_\_\_\_ prayer, but also values \_\_\_\_\_ prayer (1 Thessalonians 5:17, Ephesians 6:18).

#### B. \_\_\_\_\_ (v6)

- \* Where’s your \_\_\_\_\_?
- \* Message: *Here’s what I want you to do: Find a \_\_\_\_\_ place ... Just be there as simply & honestly as you can manage. The focus will shift from you to God, and you will begin to \_\_\_\_\_.*

#### C. \_\_\_\_\_ THE \_\_\_\_\_ BEHIND YOU (v6)

- \* \_\_\_\_\_ your prayer time \_\_\_\_\_.

#### D. AND WHEN YOU PRAY ... (v7)

- \* The next words, in Matthew 6:9 are \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* The priority of prayer is not \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_, but \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* Open your \_\_\_\_\_ to God and He will \_\_\_\_\_ in return (James 4:8).