



# Matthew 6:1-15



Charles Spurgeon


“I would rather teach  
one man to pray than  
ten men to preach.”

## Jesus Christ

“And He said to them, “It is written, ‘*My house shall be called a house of prayer,*’ but you have made it a ‘*den of thieves.*’” (Matthew 21:13)




# What Prayer is Not



Prayer is not:  
A magic formula  
or an incantation



Prayer is not:  
A Christmas list for God



Prayer is not:  
A time for showmanship



Prayer is not:  
A time for repetitious  
words





Ecclesiastes 5:2

“Do not be rash with your mouth,  
And let not your heart utter  
anything hastily before God. For  
God is in heaven, and you on earth;  
Therefore let your words be few.”



Prayer is not:

A time to spread gossip,  
news or information



# What Prayer Is



What Prayer is:

Us speaking with God




# What Prayer is:

Us sharing with God our  
fears, cares, concerns,  
and emotions




What Prayer is:

Part of our weapons of  
Spiritual warfare



What is  
required in our  
prayers?

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- A humble heart
  - A resolute heart
  - A child-like faith and  
innocence





E. M. Bounds

“We live feebly  
because we pray  
feebly.”

## E. M. Bounds

“A Holy life does not live  
in the closet, but it  
cannot live without the  
closet.”



What are the marks  
of good prayer?



Persistence

Necessity

Honesty

Consistency


Intensity

Passion


Openness



How do we know if  
our prayer was  
effective?



If, after prayer,  
we get up unfazed or  
unaffected,  
our prayers were  
ineffective.



If, after prayer, we get up  
exhausted emotionally,  
mentally, physically but  
Spiritually we are charged up,  
that is effective prayer.



What are two methods  
of prayer?




# Acronym Method:

A - Adoration

C - Confession

T - Thanksgiving

S - Supplication



Layout Method:  
Using parts of the  
Disciples prayer as a  
framework for ours.



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“Prayer is not learned in  
the classroom. It is  
learned in the closet.”