

# ***“To Pray” or “Not” To Pray***

**July 25, 2021 - Pastor David Bray**

**Scripture Text:** *Matthew 6:5-7 “And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 6 But you, 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.”* **When praying remember:**

**1** ***Whom*** you are talking to- *“And when you pray...”* (vs.5a) **The statement:**

- 1) Assumes that we pray
- 2) Assumes that we are praying to the God of the Bible
  - Prayer is about communion with God
  - Prayer is about the “Glory of God.”

**2** **Do Not Pray** like the \_\_\_\_\_ - *“...you shall not be like the hypocrites.”* (vs.5b) **The Hypocrites:**

A) **Make a \_\_\_\_\_ of it-** *“For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men.”* (vs. 5c)

B) **Receive a \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ reward-** *“Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward.”* (vs.5d)

**3** **What kind of \_\_\_\_\_ God hears and answers-** *“But you, when you pray...”* (vs.6a)  
**God hears and answers:**

A) \_\_\_\_\_ **Prayers-** *“...go into your room, and when you have shut your door...”* (vs.6b)

B) \_\_\_\_\_ **Prayers-** *“...pray to your Father who is in the secret place...”* (vs.6c)

C) \_\_\_\_\_ **Prayers-** *“...and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly.”* (vs.6d)

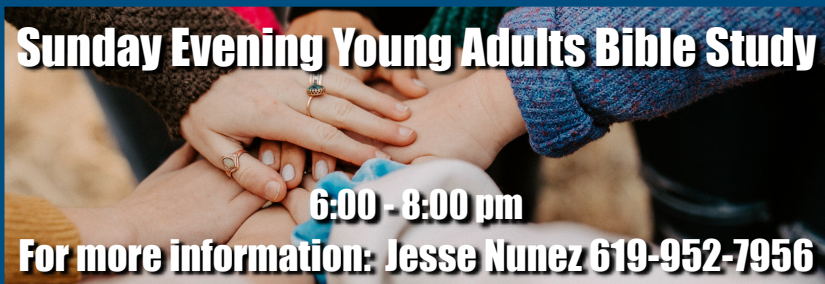
**4** **Don’t use meaningless \_\_\_\_\_ -** *“And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words.”* (vs.7)

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