

THE PRIVILEGE OF Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

The Framework of Prayer (review):

1. The Right to Pray (v. 9a)
 2. Prayer of Reverence (v. 9b)
 3. Prayer for Christ's Return (v. 10a)
 4. Prayer of Relinquishing (v. 10b)
 5. Prayer's Request (v. 11)
 - 6. Prayer of Reconciliation (v. 12)**
 7. Prayer for Resistance (v. 13a)
 8. The Ruler of Prayer (v. 13b)
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6. Prayer of Reconciliation (v. 12)

Sin is a serious subject that must be dealt with in our prayers. Christ points out that rifts in relationships we have with others and God must be rectified.

a. Definitions

- 1) _____—the state of owing.
- 2) _____—one who owes a debt.
- 3) Offense/_____—a breach of moral or social code.
- 4) _____—to owe, having an obligation or duty to be met.
- 5) _____—to agree.
- 6) _____—to correct a difference; to restore to friendship or harmony.
- 7) _____—to give up a debt by not demanding its payment.

b. Reconciliation with others (Matt. 5:23-25; 18:15-35)

Reconciliation to God is contingent upon our first forgiving others (Matt. 6:14).

- 1) Handle issues of contention _____ (Matt. 5:25; Eph. 4:26).
- 2) If you think you might have wronged someone, _____ to make it right (Matthew 5:23-24).
- 3) If someone has wronged you, _____ to make it right (Matt. 18:15ff).

- 4) In the _____, the process of reconciliation and discipline must be followed for overt sins (Matt. 18:15ff).
- 5) _____ situations and agreements that would cause a rift in the body of Christ (Prov. 6:1, 2; 24:6).
- 6) Remember that Christ's body should be _____ (1 Cor. 1:10).

c. Reconciliation with God (Psalm 51)

- 1) _____ that Christians sin (1 John 1:8-2:2).
- 2) _____ that Christians are always saved despite their sin (1 Jn. 1:8-10).
- 3) _____ that sin builds a wall between the believer and God (Ps. 51:8-12).
- 4) _____ relationships with others (at least attempt to; see previous main point).
- 5) _____ your relationship to God through Christ in confession (1 Jn. 1:9).
- 6) _____ your life and habits through the Holy Spirit's power to avoid committing the sin in the future (Gal. 5:16).

Prayer Journal

Focus this week: Your Reconciliation

Date Started: _____

Request: _____

Date Answered: _____

What God did: _____

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