



“How Do I Know God?”

Knowing God Series

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Why is it so many people don't pray, or have a great prayer life?

- 1) We're not sure **HOW** to pray.
- 2) We get **DISTRACTED** while praying.
- 3) We think our requests are **TOO SMALL** for God.
- 4) We're not sure our prayers will make a **DIFFERENCE**.

Prayer is simply **COMMUNICATING WITH GOD**.

- “Give ear to me words, O Lord. Consider my **sighing**.” Psalm 5:1
 - “Listen to my cry for help, my King and my God, for to You I pray.” Verse 2
 - “In the morning, O Lord, **you hear my voice**.” Verse 3
- God **HEARS OUR VOICE!**
 - “In the morning, I lay my requests before You and wait in **expectation**.” Verse 3

4 simple ways to talk to God:

- 1) Be **HONEST**.
 - “O Lord, why have you brought trouble upon this people? Is that why you sent me?” Ever since I went to Pharaoh to speak in your name, he has brought trouble upon this people, and you have not rescued your people at all.” Exodus 5:22-23
 - **2 things Jesus criticized about people's prayers:**
 - A) When they are too lengthy for **SHOW PURPOSES**.
 - B) When they are **NOT AUTHENTIC**.
 - “And when you pray, do **not be like the hypocrites**, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men.” Matthew 6:5
 - “When you pray, do **not keep on babbling** like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their **many words**.” Matthew 6:7
- 2) Talk to God about everything that **MATTERS** to you.
 - “Do not be anxious about anything, but in **everything**, by **prayer & petition**, with **thanksgiving**, present **your requests to God**.” Philippians 4:6
- 3) Talk to God **CONTINUALLY**.
 - “Pray **continually**.” 1 Thessalonians 5:17
 - “I never pray for more than 20 minutes at a time, but I also never go more than 20 minutes without praying.” Smith Wigglesworth
 - P.U.S.H. – **PRAY UNTIL SOMETHING HAPPENS**.
- 4) Listen for **GOD'S RESPONSE**.