

Getting A Greater Glimpse of God's Glory

A Study about Prayer from Matthew 6:1–24

Riches, Rewards, & Reaching the Lost: Treasuring What God Treasures!

—Matthew 6:19–24 with many other relevant biblical passages

In Matthew 6:1–13 we've been taught

If we're faithful followers of Christ, we should have a:

- LONGING desire for the glory of eternity;
- LOVING desire to spend time with God in prayer;
- LOYAL desire for God's will to be done!
- PRAYER should become a natural REFLEX!
- an automatic RESPONSE of TRUST in the Lord because He provides God alone provides us with

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—Matthew 6:19–24 19 "Don't store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But **store up for yourselves treasures in heaven**, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; 21 **for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also!** 22 The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light. 23 But if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! 24 No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. **You cannot serve God and earthly treasures.**"

Three TRUTHS we can't afford to IGNORE:

- 1— Our _____ are influenced by the culture around us!
- 2— What I treasure most will _____ my desires!

—3— My _____ for God Almighty can't be _____!

A PRACTICAL & PERSONAL APPLICATION:

—One of the best ways to store up treasures in heaven is to COMMIT OURSELVES _____

—1 Timothy 2:1–8 1 As a high priority, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all people, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. 3 **This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.** 5 For there is one God, and one mediator also between God and men, the man Christ Jesus, 6 who gave Himself as a ransom for all, the testimony given at the proper time. 7 For this I was appointed a preacher and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying) as a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth. 8 Therefore I want the men in every place to pray, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and dissension.

—Colossians 4:2–6 2 Be devoted to prayer, keeping alert in it with thanksgiving. 3 **At the same time pray for us too, that God may open a door for the message so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains.** 4 Pray that I may make it known as I should. 5 Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunities. 6 Let your speech always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how you should answer everyone.

—Ephesians 6:18–20 20 In every prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints, 19 **and pray on my behalf, that utterance may be given to me in the opening of my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in proclaiming it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.**

—2 **Thessalonians 3:1–5** 1 Finally, pray for us, brothers and sisters, that the Lord’s message may spread rapidly and be glorified just like it happened among you, 2 and that we may be delivered from perverse and evil people. For not all have faith. 3 But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one. 4 And we are confident about you in the Lord that you are both doing—and will do—what we are commanding. 5 Now may the Lord direct your hearts toward the love of God and the endurance of Christ.

Four RELEVANT TRUTHS we can observe from these passages:

—1— The **first step** in committing ourselves to telling others about Christ is **PRAYING FOR**

—2— The **most important step** in becoming a missionary is **PRAYING FOR**

—3— An **essential step** in witnessing for the Lord is **PRAYING FOR**

—4— Something we should always :
—Missionary work is filled with spiritual battles!
—Pray for protection! Personal; Physical; & Spiritual
—Pray for boldness and confidence in the Lord’s power!
—Pray that the Lord’s message will spread rapidly & bring glory to God in the process!

—**Matthew 9:35–38** 35 Then Jesus went throughout all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every kind of disease and sickness. 36 When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them because they were bewildered and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then He said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. 38 Therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest-ready fields.”

—Charles Spurgeon once said that Matthew 9:37–38 troubled him more than any other passage in the Bible!

Two CONVICTING TRUTHS that should MOTIVATE & CHALLENGE us:

—1— The **MOST PRESSING NEED** in our society is

—2— Jesus instructed His followers to **pray for workers who will**

A CONCLUDING COMMENT TO TIE THESE TRUTHS TOGETHER:

—The whole world is a
God has called of us to be His
Often the to be a missionary is

Let’s **PRAY** early and often with a desire that God’s Kingdom would be increasing and that