

Back to the Basics Part 2

Our Father

Psalms 34:3 O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!

Matthew 6 = Giving, Praying, Fasting to please and honor God

There is a right way and a wrong way

- *Are we evaluating our lives and actions and seeing if they line up with what scripture says
- *Don't be a hypocrite, stop playing a part
- *Get somewhere you can truly focus on God
- *No mindless words and meaningless phrases

Combines the eternal and mundane

The Lord's Prayer:

1. God's Name
 - a. Our Father- claiming intimacy and protection of God, do we see him as our Dad and the relationship that shows
 - b. In Heaven- remember where he sits!
 - c. Hallowed Be your Name- concerned that God's name would be treated with the highest honor and holiness
2. God's Kingdom
 - a. His rule to be absolute
 - b. I would be about his kingdom and not my own
3. God's Will
 - a. Are we truly focused on doing God's will
 - b. Picture what it would be like of Jesus where here and in charge
 - c. Is God's will being done in your heart?
4. Our Food
 - a. Do we look to God for provision?
 - b. Are you really able to pray for just enough to live each day? Would you be angry with God or think it unfair if he only gave you your daily bread?
5. Our Forgiveness
 - a. Umm as we have forgiven those who wrong us? Are we forgiving?
 - b. Do we forgive people?
6. Our Holiness
 - a. God not only saves us from the penalty of our sins, he gives us a new life
 - b. God wants us to continue to live for him

*Our prayer time is incredibly important and worth our time to think about critically

*Use this time to strengthen your prayer life

*Use scripture like the psalms and the prayers of David, Paul, and others to shape your prayers