



Prayer the Works - Week 5 Praying Publicly

MONDAY

Praying publicly is a huge privilege. When you pray publicly you are not only speaking with God, but you are also speaking to and for other people. Public prayer makes many men very nervous.

1. Read *Deuteronomy 9:26-28* How is this prayer educational and how is it a challenge to this new generation of Israel?

Public prayer should remind those listening of what God has said. It should also remind people of God's glory and majesty.

Read *Acts 4:24-30*. What lessons can we learn from this prayer?

2. When you pray publicly there are several very practical things you need to ensure:

- A. Speak up
- B. Think beforehand what you are going to pray
- C. Don't mindlessly keep addressing your prayer to God
- D. Don't use prayer to spread gossip or hearsay
- E. Keep them short!

Read *John 11:41-42*. What do you notice about Christ's public prayer?

TUESDAY

Read *Matthew 6:5-7* What is Jesus condemning here? Is he against public prayer or is he against how they pray?

Read *Mark 12:40* What did Jesus find objectionable about the way these people prayed publicly?

1. Praying well in public takes practice. Practice praying aloud privately. When you do pray aloud in public setting don't feel like have to pray long prayers!

WEDNESDAY

Let's work on a prayer.

1. What inspires or motivates you?

2. The first thing you must do to lead people in inspirational prayer is to pray with
() Lots of information () Lots of groaning () Lots of passion

A passionate person/prayer is an interesting person/prayer!

3. Read *2nd Kings 19:15-19* What made this an inspiring public prayer?

THURSDAY

You might be a family function or a tournament and be asked to either say "grace" for the meal or "bless" the tournament start. You know there are several non-Christians there. What might you pray?

1. EVERY PUBLIC PRAYER SHOULD INCLUDE THE GOSPEL! "THANK YOU FOR SENDING YOUR ONLY SON JESUS TO DIE ON A CROSS FOR MY SIN."

SAMPLE – Heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of your creation. Thank you for these men and women you have brought together today. Bless them, Lord, let them hear Your voice as they enjoy the works of your mighty hands. Thank you for sending Jesus to die on a cross for our sins, that we all might experience that which we need the most, forgiveness. Cause us to grow closer you today and to have the courage to those things that are right. In the name of Jesus...amen.

Write a short prayer for a public setting of your choice (meal, banquet, tournament start)

FRIDAY

Read *1st Tim 2:1-6* What did Paul teach to be prayed for?

Telling God what to do in prayer is not "faith." What does *Matthew 6:10* tell us to pray for?

When praying for someone who is terminally ill, it is inappropriate to tell God He MUST heal this person. Instead, how should we pray in public for someone who is terminally ill?
