

Seven Secrets of the Kingdom

God Sees in Secret

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READ

Matthew 6:5-15

KEY POINTS

- God Values What Happens in Secret - The most important parts of your spiritual life are unseen. God notices what others don't.
 - Prayer Is Not About Getting—It's About Relating - Prayer is less about asking for things and more about building intimacy with the Father.
 - Spiritual Strength Is Forged in the Secret Place – Spiritual strength is formed in consistent, intentional, private time with God.
 - Prayer Forms You More Than It Informs God - God already knows your needs, prayer aligns your heart with His will.
 - Simplicity Over Performance - God is not impressed by long or eloquent prayers, but by honest, dependent hearts.
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QUESTIONS

1. As you think about this message, how does it challenge or affirm your current prayer life? What impacted you most?
2. What are some barriers that keep you from developing a personal “secret place”? What can you do to develop consistent alone time with God?
3. Have you ever felt frustrated in prayer when God didn't answer the way you wanted? How did that affect your view of prayer? How did this message reshape that perspective?
4. Why do you think Jesus emphasized going into a private place to pray?
5. What does it practically look like to shift from “getting something from God” to “being with God”?

LIFE APPLICATION

- Establish a Daily “Secret Place” - Choose a consistent time and place each day to meet with God without distractions.
- Shift Your Prayer Focus - Spend less time asking and more time listening, worshiping, and simply being with God.
- Practice Honest, Simple Prayer - Drop performance, talk to God authentically, like a child to a Father.
- Align With God’s Will - Begin prayers with surrender: “God, I want Your will, not just my desires.”

PRAYER

Heavenly Father,

Thank You that You see what is done in secret and that You care about our hearts more than our performance. Teach us to seek You, not just what You can give us. Help us to create space to meet with You daily and to grow in intimacy with You. Shape our hearts, align our desires with Your will, and deepen our relationship with You. We want to know You more.

In Jesus’ name,
Amen.