



## Life Church Smyrna

Sunday, September 4, 2022 @ 10:00am  
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Matthew 6:5-7 <sup>5</sup>“When you pray, don’t be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in the synagogues where everyone can see them. I tell you the truth, that is all the reward they will ever get. <sup>6</sup>But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you. <sup>7</sup>When you pray, don’t babble on and on as the Gentiles do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again.” (NLT)

### Does Prayer Really Work?

2 Chronicles 7:12-14 <sup>12</sup>“Then the Lord appeared to Solomon by night, and said to him: ‘I have heard your prayer, and have chosen this place for Myself as a house of sacrifice. <sup>13</sup>When I shut up heaven and there is no rain, or command the locusts to devour the land, or send pestilence among My people, <sup>14</sup>if My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land.’” (NKJV)

1 Chronicles 22:19a “Now set your heart and your soul to seek the Lord your God.” (NKJV)

Proverbs 15:29 “The Lord is far from the wicked, but He hears the prayers of the righteous.” (NLT)

Isaiah 59:2 “It’s your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, He has turned away and will not listen anymore.” (NLT)

Psalms 66:18-20 <sup>18</sup>“If I had not confessed the sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. <sup>19</sup>But God did listen! He paid attention to my prayer. <sup>20</sup>Praise God, who did not ignore my prayer or withdraw His unfailing love from me.” (NLT)

## Message Notes // Asking For A Friend // Part 10

Matthew 6:8 “Your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask Him!” (NLT)

Matthew 7:7-8 <sup>7</sup>“Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. <sup>8</sup>For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.” (NLT)

Luke 18:1-5 <sup>1</sup>“One day Jesus told His disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up. <sup>2</sup>‘There was a judge in a certain city,’ He said, ‘who neither feared God nor cared about people. <sup>3</sup>A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, saying, ‘Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy.’ <sup>4</sup>The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, ‘I don’t fear God or care about people, <sup>5</sup>but this woman is driving me crazy. I’m going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!’” (NLT)

Luke 18:6-8a <sup>6</sup>“Then the Lord said, ‘Learn a lesson from this unjust judge. <sup>7</sup>Even he rendered a just decision in the end. So don’t you think God will surely give justice to His chosen people who cry out to Him day and night? Will He keep putting them off? <sup>8</sup>I tell you, He will grant justice to them quickly!’” (NLT)

Ephesians 4:6 “Don’t worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank Him for all He has done.” (NLT)

1 Thessalonians 5:17 “Never stop praying.” (NLT)

1 John 5:14-15 <sup>14</sup>“Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. <sup>15</sup>And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.” (NKJV)

The big idea: You can ask God anything!



Loving God! Loving People! Loving Life!