



MATTHEW 6:5-8

Holy Conversations

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Not if, but when I pray
I am commanded to pray
Jesus modeled prayer
I am created for prayer
I desperately need to pray

When I pray for the wrong listern: others
Like the hypocrites: appearing godly
In the synagogues: impressing believers
On the street corners: making a scene
Rewarded in full: empty prayers

Making God my audience
Go to your room: getting alone
Close the door: shut out distractions
Pray to my Father: a completely safe place
Reward assured: being truly heard

When the wrong person is talking: me
Like the pagans: to deaf gods
Babbling repetitions: just the right formula
Many words: talking a long time
Informing God: as though he doesn't know

Letting God do the talking
Realize God knows
Trust God's wisdom
Seek God's will
Receive God's provisions

Experiencing a holy conversation
Listen for God's Word
Respond to God's truth
Obey God's directions
Depend on God's power

When I pray...
Who do I want to hear me?
Who do I want to be talking?



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