

**Ineffective Prayer**  
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**Introduction**

Something is effective if it \_\_\_\_\_ what it was  
\_\_\_\_\_ to do.

**Text: Matthew 6:5-8**

What is prayer designed to do? What is the point of prayer?  
(Matthew 6:6)

- The primary goal of prayer is not having our  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- The primary goal of prayer is not a way to  
\_\_\_\_\_ God about our  
\_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 6:8)
- The primary goal of prayer is to spend time in  
\_\_\_\_\_ with our Father.  
"Prayer is not about \_\_\_\_\_. Prayer is  
about \_\_\_\_\_."

**Three types of prayer Jesus said are ineffective.**

**1. Prayers that aren't \_\_\_\_\_**  
(Matthew 6:5)

One of the main problems with our prayer is that we  
\_\_\_\_\_ pray.

"To \_\_\_\_\_ do something is the  
\_\_\_\_\_ way to get any better at it."

**2. Prayers meant to \_\_\_\_\_ others**  
(Matthew 6:5)

Praying for the \_\_\_\_\_ of someone else  
rather than God

The desire is not to \_\_\_\_\_ with God but  
to be seen and heard, admired and appreciated.

**3. Prayers meant to \_\_\_\_\_ or  
\_\_\_\_\_ God** (Matthew 6:7)

Example: 1 Kings 18

"God's reward is reserved for those who seek His  
\_\_\_\_\_, not His \_\_\_\_\_."

**Conclusion**

Just pray ... and have a respectful \_\_\_\_\_  
with God!