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1. Get _____ With God.

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2. Expect God to _____ You.

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The primary reward of prayer is a closer _____ with God.

3. Don't be Obsessed with Your _____.

And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. (Matthew 6:7)

Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. (Matthew 6:8)

This, then, is how you should pray... (Matthew 6:9)

Want to Go Deeper?

- Decide where your "prayer closet" will be and commit to meeting with God there regularly.
- Based on what Jesus taught about prayer, analyze the strength of your prayer life. What is your next step for growing deeper in prayer?
- Memorize Matthew 6:6.
- Read *E.M. Bounds on Prayer* by E. M. Bounds

Please let us know the commitments you are making to God by using the Communication Card. We will pray for you!