

THE MODEL PRAYER AND RESPONSIBILITY
(Matthew 6:9-13)

- I. Responsibility to HONOR God's NAME (Matt. 6:9)
 - A. EVERYTHING God does is to GLORIFY His NAME (Ps. 19:1; John 17:1, 4)
 - 1. It is NECESSARY to demonstrate REALITY
 - 2. It is for OUR GOOD
 - a. To show us who GOD really IS
 - b. To show us what WE really ARE
 - 3. It PREVENTS our making MAN the CENTER of our theology
 - B. EVERYTHING we do must be to GLORIFY God's NAME (Matt. 5:16; John 15:8; 1 Cor. 6:20)
 - 1. We are IDENTIFIED by His NAME (Acts 4:12, 30; 11:26; 15:14; 1 Tim. 3:15)
 - 2. We use His name in PRAYER, PRAISE, and WORSHIP
- II. Responsibility to FURTHER God's KINGDOM (Matt. 6:10; cf. 24:29-31; Rev. 11:15)
 - A. We further the kingdom by LIVING GODLY LIVES (2 Pet. 3:11-12, 14)
 - 1. We should be characterized by HOLINESS
 - 2. We should be characterized by PEACE

- 3. We should be characterized by BLAMELESSNESS
- B. We further the kingdom by PROCLAIMING THE GOSPEL (2 Pet. 3:9, 15a)
 - 1. God waits while we PROCLAIM salvation
 - 2. God waits while PRODUCING salvation
- III. Responsibility to OBEY God's WILL (Matt. 6:10; cf. 1 John 5:14-15)
 - A. We must KNOW the WORD of God (John 15:7)
 - B. We must UNDERSTAND the CHARACTER of God (Matt. 7:11; James 4:3)
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 - C. We must DEPEND on the SPIRIT of God (Rom. 8:26; Jude 1:20)
 - D. We will DELIGHT in the WILL of God (John 4:34; 5:30; 15:5-14)
- IV. Conclusion
 - A. We must ask ourselves, "If God GRANTED my requests..."
 - 1. "...would it HONOR His NAME?"
 - 2. "...would it FURTHER His KINGDOM?"
 - 3. "...would it ACCOMPLISH His WILL?"
 - B. Prayer is not TELLING God WHAT to do, but is LEARNING what God WANTS to do and ASKING Him to do it