

Selfish vs. Unselfish Prayers

1. Are you asking God to show/guide you in the work He has for you to complete? If so, what is that work and how do you pray in line with that?

2. Have you begun doing it yet? _____ Take some time to get into the presence of the Father and discuss this issue (no matter what your response above). After, write what God has revealed to you concerning your work.

3. In consideration of the statement, “All I have is yours, and all you have is mine.” How does knowing this impact on how you pray?

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4. Considering verse 17, how do your prayers reflect the Father's heart?

5. Think about verse 20, considering John 3:16, how do you apply that to those people you dislike or those who have hurt you? How do you pray for them?

6. Considering all that you have read in the Bible, describe what is NOT in heaven and provide scripture to back it up. Then describe how it should be on the earth based on this investigation. How do you pray this in an unselfish way?

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7. Compare Mathew 6:14-15, James 2:13, and James 5:16. What do they teach you?

8. How do you see this model prayer transforming your prayer life?

9. Spend some time with the Lord and ask Him to reveal to you if any part of your prayer life represents selfish prayers.

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10. How can you change this going forward? Ask the Lord to show you, He will give you the grace to keep praying according to His will.

11. Remember that asking the Lord to meet or provide for your personal needs is not selfish! Do not allow the enemy to whisper lies into your mind. Meditate on Matthew 7:7-11.