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CHARACTERISTICS OF A HEALTHY CHURCH

#8 Prayer

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We want to be a 'physically'
and spiritually healthy and
mature church



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So far:

- Gospel centered
- Biblical theology and expository preaching
- Being a spiritual family
- Biblical leadership
- Importance of membership
- Spiritual growth
- Conversion and evangelism



Today #8: a healthy Church is a Praying Church

(Matt. 6:5-13)



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MATT. 6:5-6

5“And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 6But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.



MATT. 6:5-6

Only pray in secret?

No! Also corporately and publicly!

The point is:

Do you want to be seen with the Father or do you want to be with your Father?

Do you want to be praised for your spirituality or do you simply want to praise God?



MATT. 6:7-8

7“**And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. 8Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.**



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MATT. 6:7-8

‘heaping up empty phrases’

- Vain repetitions**
- Stock sentences**
- Formula’s**

‘Your Father knows what you need’



Pray then like this:



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MATT. 6:9-13

'Our Father in heaven'



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MATT. 6:9-13

'Hallowed be Your name'



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MATT. 6:9-13

'Your kingdom come'



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'Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven'



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MATT. 6:9-13

'Give us this day our daily bread'



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MATT. 6:9-13

‘And forgive us our debts, as we also have
forgiven our debtors’



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MATT. 6:9-13

**'And lead us not into temptation but deliver us
from evil'**



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THE LORDS PRAYER

“Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

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and forgive us our debts,
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And lead us not into temptation,
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