



The ABC of Prayer Part II

Matthew 6:5-8

“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, **go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen.** Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, **do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.** Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.



Some things in life I wish I had learned sooner

When you Pray....

Be alone with God (**Solitude**)

Word “less” Prayer (**Silence**)

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In **solitude**, in solitude I come to God in prayer. In **silence** and simplicity, **my spirit blossoms there.**

“In solitude, in solitude”, Hymnal 1980, Ruth C. Duck

Inner Life is where prayer really happens

When you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, *who is unseen* (Matt 6:6)

Moses - schooled in the University of Solitude

Exodus 2-4

The Moses at 40 was *powerful*, but *weak*.
The Moses at 80 was *weak*, but *powerful*.

Caleb Brasher – The Gospel Coalition

From Sentosa Cove to **Solitude** (Changi Prison)

A Mega-Church Pastor

And we all, who with *unveiled faces* contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His image with ever increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

2 Cor 3:18

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Matthew 6:7

***The Power of “word less” Prayer;
Voice of SILENCE***

Job 38-42

The School of **SILENCE**

Then the Lord spoke to Job *out of the storm*...
(Job 38:1)

Then Job answered the Lord;

“I am unworthy – how can I reply to you? **I put my hand on my mouth.** I spoke once, but I have no answer – twice, but **I will say no more.**”

Job 42:5

My ears have heard of you but now *my eyes have seen You.*

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Silenced by God's Love

“He will quiet you with His love” Zep 3:17

In a Nutshell

Seeing Prayer as a **Love** Relationship with God (our Father) and a **Life** (time) of Knowing God through our daily interaction with Him.