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HOW TO PRAY

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Today's lesson on prayer will deal with what prayer is and how to effectively pray. We all pray, but often are not praying as we should.

For example, we might pray a selfish prayer asking for things for us and not for others. We may pray for vengeance instead of wisdom to resolve a situation. Or we may pray for our way or demand our petition to be accepted. Probably we would not use those words, but display that attitude.

Prayers are often described using the acronym of **ACTS**. We **A**dore God and thank Him for his loving care of us. We **C**onfess our sins and ask His forgiveness knowing that if we are truly penitent, He will do so. **T**hanksgiving is the next part of prayer and we thank our Creator for His blessings bestowed upon us. **S**upplication is where we ask God to grant us what we need to better serve Him and others. If our prayers are somewhat selfish in appearance, but intended to help others it is not really wrong to ask for things. For example, asking for a raise so we can give more to the local work is not wrong.

Pray often and pray properly.

Think on these things!!!