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Understanding The Deceit of Sin

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The Bible teaches that sin is a disposition, it is a state of the heart

The deceit of sin is the most deceptive when we convince ourselves we are worshipping God while we are actually worshipping ourselves

What is Prayer?

Prayer is a conversation, a talk, a communing with my heavenly Father

Prayerlessness is functional atheism

How NOT To Pray

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- Doing right things for wrong reasons

Concentration on self; the one praying rather than the One praying to

2. "*empty phrases*" (vs. 7)

- Unthinking repetition
- Formulaic repetition

Seeking to manipulate God, rather than trust Him

The Secret to Prayer

Ultimately, it's a matter of the approach → in prayer, I am approaching God

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We approach God engagingly "...*you Father who is secret...*" (vs.6b)

We approach God expectantly "... *your Father knows what you need...*" (vs. 8)

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