

My Devotion

Matthew 6:1-18

How can I be blessed for generosity?

verses 1-4

- → When it is for the glory of God
- → Gifts in <u>secret</u> will be rewarded openly

Proverbs 19:17

How can I have a powerful prayer life?

verses 5-15

- I. Have the right <u>attitude</u>
- verse 5-8

→ Be real

verse 5

→ Be <u>relaxed</u>

verse 6

→ Be revealing

verses 7-8

II. Use the <u>model</u> Jesus gave

verse 9-13

- → Five elements to prayer
 - 1) My praise (Psalm 100:4)

verse 9

- Adoration
- Thanksgiving

2) My petition

verses 10-13

• Priority for God's Kingdom

verses 10, 33

• Provision for daily needs

verse 11

Philippians 4:6, 19

3) My <u>pardon</u>

verse 12, 14-15

- From God
- Toward others

4) My spiritual protection

verse 13

5) God's power and authority to answer prayer

When is fasting acceptable to God?

verses 16-18

- ✓ When it is secret
- ✓ When it is for <u>God</u> and the <u>good</u> of others
- ✓ When I'm spending <u>time</u> with God
- ✓ When others are more important than my appetite

Can others tell that I spend time with Jesus?