A Better Way to Pray

Luke 11:1-2

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When you pray, God wants you to grow closer to Him in prayer.

1. **God is looking for people who are looking for Him.**

   Luke 11:1 (NLT) [1] *Once Jesus was in a certain place praying. As he finished, one of his disciples came to him and said, "Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples."*

   Matthew 6:5 (ESV) [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.*

2. **God warmly welcomes and listens to those who come to Him.**

   Luke 11:2 (NLT) [2] *Jesus said, "This is how you should pray: "Father…*

<u>John 1:12</u> (ESV) [12] But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God,

3. **Turn to God <u>regularly</u> and <u>ask</u> Him to help you grow closer to Him.**

<u>Luke 11:11–13</u> (NLT) [11] You fathers—if your children ask for a fish, do you give them a snake instead? [12] Or if they ask for an egg, do you give them a scorpion? Of course not! [13] So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him."

<u>James 1:5</u> (NLT) [5] If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.