

## The Right Motive for Prayer

### Mathew 06: 05-06

**1. *The wrong motive:***

***Praying to be seen by men***

- a. The place: Loving to pray in the synagogue and in the streets
- b. The reason: For recognition, to be seen as holy
- c. The reward: People's esteem

**2. *The right motive:***

***Praying to be heard by God***

- a. The location: In one's private place
- b. The reason: God is in one's secret or private place
- c. The reward: Will be heard and blessed by God

5 “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 men.  
I tell you the truth,  
they have received their reward in full.

6 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.