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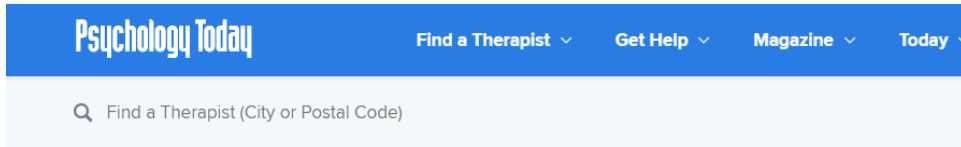
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“Addicted to Love -- Er, Make That Tech

But the problem of cybercelibacy is deeper and more far-reaching than its potential to reinforce shyness or social anxiety. Once we've turned away from the world around us in favor of online games or Facebook or pornography, the thrill we get doesn't just offer respite from our loneliness. It *replaces* our need for connection and intimacy, temporarily, with a euphoria we then come to crave.”



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- **Nothing new**
- **I remember ‘fleeing’ intimacy**
- **Horried that someone might get close**
- **“If you really knew me you would reject me”**



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- We were 'hardwired' for intimacy
- Deep inside we yearn and crave it
- But our sin & brokenness lead us to flee it , almost at any cost
- Reflected in our broken relationships with people, ways we hide in technology
- Reflected in our brokenness with God



FREE TO BE 'The Prescription for Prayer'

Matthew 6:1-15
Pew Bible pg. 684



The Prescription for Prayer



I. Audience

II. Motive

III. Pattern



1. Audience



Who is Jesus talking to?

❖ **Father**

✓ **17 times in Matthew 5-7**

✓ **8 times Matthew 6:1-15 Your Father!!!!**

✓ **This is about family, deep personal relationship**



1. Audience



Who is Jesus talking to?

❖ **Father**

“Jesus said to them, “If God were your Father, you would love Me, for I proceeded forth and have come from God, for I have not even come on My own initiative, but He sent Me. “Why do you not understand what I am saying? It is because you cannot hear My word.” (John 8:42–43, NASB95)



1. Audience



Who is Jesus talking to?

❖ **Father**

““You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.” (John 8:44, NASB95)



1. Audience



Who is Jesus talking to?

5:1

“When Jesus saw the crowds...”

“He sat down, His disciples came to Him”

“He began to teach them”

7:28

“When Jesus finished these sayings, the crowds were amazed at His teaching”



1. Audience



Who is the audience? Critical to application

No different today:

- ✓ Disciples
- ✓ Seekers
- ✓ Curious
- ✓ Religious (self righteous)
- ✓ Hypocrites
- ✓ Wolves
- ✓ Confused
- ✓ Tag alongs



1. Audience



These statements apply differently to each category!

You have a hope....

You will be judged...

You are on a journey ...

- ✓ Disciples
- ✓ Seekers
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If you do not forgive your Father will not forgive
Matthew 6:14-15



1. Audience



- **One does not gain forgiveness by forgiving. But a person evidences his or her own forgiveness by forgiving others. Since this is family forgiveness, our sense of forgiveness is denied us when we deny forgiveness to others. As God's children, we are commanded to be forgiving. When we fail to forgive, we reap the consequences of spiritual and moral defeat.**

Weber, S. K. (2000). Matthew (Vol. 1, pp. 82–83). Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers.



2. Motive



Beware... before men... you have your reward. 6:1

Your Father... who sees... will reward. 6:4,6

Eternal rewards for service , answers to prayer.....

Is it about my kingdom or His Kingdom?????



3. Pattern



This is about realignment, resetting. Over time things need to be reset

The disciple lives in a broken world and needs constant realignment with the Father, with reality

- **Clock or a watch – so it is accurate**
- **Wheels of a car – so it drives straight**
- **A printer – so the lines and words print properly**



3. Pattern = Intimacy



The overarching idea is intimacy. A child with its Father

“... your Father knows what you need before you ask him.” (Matthew 6:8, NIV84)

**“... This is your Father you are dealing with, and he knows better than you what you need.”
(Matthew 6:8, The Message)**



3. Pattern = Intimacy



Two main thoughts

1. You are God v 9-10

2. I need you v 11-13

This is:

- a reversal of the Fall – Genesis 3
- against every fibre of our being
- a complete miracle – that only God can make happen though the new birth



3. Pattern = Intimacy



Two main thoughts

1. You are God v 9-10

A. Who is in heaven

❖ He is transcendent – I am temporal



3. Pattern = Intimacy



Two main thoughts

1. You are God v 9-10

A. Who is in heaven

B. Hallowed be your name

❖ He is holy and righteous – I am broken,
capable of deep sin, even as His child



3. Pattern = Intimacy



Two main thoughts

1. You are God v 9-10

A. Who is in heaven

B. Hallowed be your name

C. Your Kingdom come your will be done

❖ You are sovereign – I will serve – It is about you not me



3. Pattern = Intimacy



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1. You are God v 9-10

2. I need you v 11-13

A. Give us today

❖ He provides – I receive (what is sufficient for now)



3. Pattern = Intimacy



Two main thoughts

1. You are God v 9-10

2. I need you v 11-13

A. Give us today

B. Forgive us

❖ He is the Holy Saviour – we are sinful –
needing continual restoration for
relationship – not to be saved



3. Pattern = Intimacy



Two main thoughts

1. You are God v 9-10

2. I need you v 11-13

A. Give us today

B. Forgive us

C. Lead us not - deliver us from evil

❖ He is all powerful – we are weak, easily deceived- powerless



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Our prayers are to be continual reminders to ourselves to “get with” the kingdom program. Sadly, too many believers live for the weekends and not for Christ’s kingdom. Weber, S. K. (2000). Matthew (Vol. 1, p. 82). Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers.

It is ironic that this prohibition against meaningless repetition is issued immediately before the Lord’s Prayer. This passage is, without doubt, the most-often-repeated-without-meaning passage in the Bible. Weber, S. K. (2000). (Vol. 1, p. 80). Nashville, TN: Broadman & Holman Publishers.



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Part One “The Prescription for Prayer ”



3) BE PRAYERFUL, believing that it is only God who can change lives, families, communities, and nations. Prayer must have an increasingly pivotal place in all we do in obedience to the Lord who commands us to pray, and gives us the privilege to see change through prayer. Being absolutely dependent upon God to work out His will among us, we will encourage prayer as a whole body through small group prayer, prayer by the leaders, prayer by various ministries, and prayer in virtually every gathering of our people. We will provide special places, times and groups dedicated to Spirit-led prayer. Matthew 6:5-15, Acts 2:42



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It begins with sincere intimacy

**You are God...
I need you...**



FREE TO BE 'God Has Spoken'

2 Timothy 3:1-17
Pew Bible pg. 843

