

WHAT YOU BELIEVE REALLY MATTERS: REALLY

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Introduction: What you believe about God really matters.
John 3:16-17
What you believe about Jesus really matters.
Matthew 28:18-20

What you believe about the Holy Spirit really matters. John 16:7

What You Believe About Prayer Really Matters: REALLY

- I. Secret prayer: building the inner life of faith.
Matthew 6:1-18, Mark 1:35
 - a. There is blessing in secret prayer. It cultivates the inner life with God.
 - b. There is power in secret prayer. “God will reward you.”
 - c. There is also power in corporate prayer.
Acts 1:14, 2:42-47, 6:4
- II. Fervent Prayer: Keeping the focus on God.
 - a. Psalm 103:1 – “all that is within me.”
 - b. Psalm 138:1 – “with all my heart.”
 - c. Psalm 146:1&2 – “all my life,” “as long as I live.”
- III. Believing prayer. This has captured my heart because Jesus makes it so clear.

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- a. Matthew’s gospel quotes Jesus about prayer.
 1. The Sermon on the Mount, 7:7-11
 2. Jesus teaching the apostles, 18:19-20
 3. Jesus answering the apostles, 21:20-22
- b. John’s gospel quotes Jesus about prayer shortly before His death.
 1. John 14:12-14
 2. John 15:7
 3. John 15:16-17
 4. John 16:23-24

What you believe about prayer really matters:

REALLY!

Conclusion: “Secret, fervent, believing prayer lies at the root of all personal godliness.” It also lies at the root of all fruitful fellowship and influence.