

The Father you really need

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- I. TALK TO GOD PERSONALLY AS YOUR PERFECT HEAVENLY FATHER (MATTHEW 6:5-8).
 - A. Don't pray hypocritically in public, but pray to your Father personally in private to get to know Him (6:5-6).
 - B. Don't pray to convince God to do something but pray knowing your Father cares for you (6:7-8).
 - God is fully loving and fully authoritative (1 Peter 5:5-7).

- II. TALK TO YOUR HEAVENLY FATHER KNOWING WHO HE IS AND WHAT IS IMPORTANT TO HIM (MATTHEW 6:9-13).
 - A. God is our loving Father, but also holy – doing what is right and teaching us obedience (6:9; Hebrews 12:5-11).
 - B. Our Father loves wisely, doing what is best according to His eternal will for us (6:10).
 - C. Our Father loves generously, providing our needs as He sees fit (6:11).
 - D. Our Father loves graciously, forgiving us as we should forgive others (6:12, 14-15; 1 John 1:7-9).
 - E. Our Father longs to protect us spiritually (6:13a; 1 Cor. 10:13).
 - F. Our Father is worthy of all glory (6:13b-KJV).