

**The Sermon on the Mount**  
**42 – Instruction for Private Prayer**  
**Matthew 6:5-8**

I. What is Private Prayer?

A focused time for private and intimate communion with God, as a child with their loving and beloved Father, in which we offer up our desires to Him in the name of Christ, for things agreeable to his will.

II. What is the Relative Importance of Private vs. Public Prayer?

III. How Ought We to Engage in Private Prayer?

A. Privately

B. Affectionately

C. Simply

D. Expectantly