Matthew 6:7-8 (NLT) *"When you pray, don't babble on and on as people of other religions do. They think their prayers are answered merely by repeating their words again and again. [8] Don't be like them, for your Father knows exactly what you need even before you ask him!"*

******From: If You Will Ask: Reflections on the Power of Prayer** "The first goal of prayer is to know God; getting things from God is God's gracious gift to us. When God stops giving us things He brings us into the place where we can begin to understand Him. As long as we get from God everything we ask, we never get to know Him. We look upon Him as a blessing-machine that has nothing to do with His character or with ours. ...Then why pray? To get to know our Father." (p. 94 O. Chambers)

PRAYER: Lord God, thank You for Your answers to prayer yes, no, and wait. Please help me to learn more and more that prayer is about getting to know You, about spending time with YOU.

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