

## The Ministry of Prayer III

*"But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you."*

Matthew 6:6

This little verse is packed. I love it and you should too. It contains secrets to answered prayer. Let's take a look at it. First of all, Jesus knows the Father better than anyone does. He is the Son of God, right? So, listen to Him. When he tells you something, do it. After Jesus was baptized he was endued with the Holy Spirit and there came a voice from heaven saying, "This is my beloved son, listen to him." Many people complain about unanswered prayer but don't listen to Jesus' instruction. Stop complaining. If you want your prayers answered, do it his way and you'll have results. So, find a room and close the door and pray!

What's so special about a room? I am not sure of all the reasons but here are some. Jesus wants you to have a prayer room because he wants you to set apart a place for him. God is about places. Jacob and other OT people would set up rocks and mark the place where God met them and they called the places Holy. The word Holy means set apart, the place is just for God. You got a place like that? Why not? God wants you to have a place like that. Do you want to feel special? Well guess what, your Father does too. I want my kids to treat me as special. I want them to set aside some time with dad. So does our God. He wants you to set aside some time and he wants you to set up a place where he can meet with you. That sound crazy? Well it's not really. It's personal. Dad in Heaven is a personal God. He cares about you and He wants to be cared for. I know you pray in your car and pray when you need help and pray when you get a chance and stuff, but the Father wants a little more than that. Well, he wants a lot more. Come on already, stop making excuses. When you get to heaven and meet Him face to face you're not going to feel like saying in front of him, "Well, Dad, I was busy a lot and there was this and there was that and I just could never seem to get the time." Get a prayer room already! That is, if you want answered prayer. If you don't want answered prayer, well just keep on keeping on as you are. But this little devotional is for those who want to see some things happen in their lives. Look, if the word above says that when we set apart a room for him, that the Father, who sees what is done in secret will reward us, I think we better do it.

Get a prayer room. Call it Holy. Make a Holy Place for your Dad. He will love it. Guaranteed! Get some oil. Go around the room and anoint it. Pray over the room. What's so important about that? Well, if the room is set apart for the Lord than the Devil cannot have access. I like that, don't you? I want to give the Devil less access and the Lord more access in my life. I like it when the Devil can't get in. I also like it when the Lord fills the place! Yea, baby. Come on! Let's have a place that the Lord fills with presence. That doesn't have to be the church building. God is more interested in filling your place and your life than he is in filling Temples made by man. God is looking for a habitation. Many people want to make the church building filled with the presence of God, but not their homes or their own personal prayer room. What's up with that? Doesn't that sound a bit hypocritical? We'll talk more next time. Until then, make a prayer room.