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Mark 11:12-24, NIV

“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’” Matthew 7:21-24, NIV

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Matthew 7:15-17, NIV

"But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God—having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people. They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over gullible women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires, always learning but never able to come to a knowledge of the Truth.”

1 Timothy 3:1-7, NIV

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WE WILL NEVER BE MORE _____ THAN WE ARE _____

“Prayer means keeping company with God who is already present” (Phillip Yancey)

“Prayer is the way we know God, the way we finally treat God as God. Prayer is simply the key to everything we need to do and be in life.” (Timothy Keller)



Prayer is more than reactively asking God for things...it is proactive _____

A - _____ (It's praise)

C - _____ (It's honesty, reconciliation, healing, restoration)

T - _____ (It's expressing gratitude and worship)

S - _____ (It's casting our cares and partnering with God)