Lead Prayer Well

1) Read Acts 6:1-4. Did the Apostles consider the physical work of service or prayer and ministry of the word to be more important? Why?

2) Read Leviticus 16:2-4. How was Aaron to prepare himself to approach the presence of the Lord? How should this impact our mental preparation of prayer?

3) Read Matthew 6:5-7. Is there danger in praying overly elaborate prayers so that attention is drawn to us? Is there similar danger in praying repetitive prayers consisting of clichés and rote phrases?

4) Read Luke 18:9-14. What role does genuineness play in prayer?

5) Read Ephesians 1:17-19, Philippians 1:8-11, Colossians 1:9-12, and Philemon 1:6. What types of things does Paul pray for on behalf of his brethren? Does this resemble the type of prayers we offer?

6) Read Nehemiah 1:4-11. Does this prayer appear to be a prayer offered “off the cuff,” or a prayer prepared and thought of beforehand? Should we consider and prepare our prayers in the public assembly?