

(Jesus said) "And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him." Matthew 6: 7-8

Dear brothers in Christ,

Visiting the doctor can take a great deal of time. It takes time to communicate our symptoms. It takes time to run tests to figure out what's going on. It takes time to get an appointment, and even then you may wait in the "waiting room". And even after all of that, the doctor may not be able to figure out what's really going on with you.

Imagine if the doctor knew exactly what the problem was and the solution without me having to say anything? It would cut down on immense amounts of time, frustration and fear.

Jesus tells us the Father knows our need before we say anything. Mostly, when we come to Him, we simply need to listen and obey. But more than that, the Father knows the needs of every person in my life! Since this is the case, He really doesn't need me to tell Him what to do with them. For example, He doesn't need me telling Him what my children need. He already knows! What the Father "needs" is an earthly father who will listen to Him. Then He will use me to meet some of the needs of my children. The question is will I give Him advise and direction, or will I listen and obey?

This is true in every relationship in our lives. He knows what my wife needs, what my children need, what my neighbor needs, what my parents need, what my boss needs, what my siblings need, what the stranger on the street needs, what my brothers and sisters in Christ need. He is the One Who knows everything.

Will we listen? I hope so. It saves a great deal of time AND He uses us to bring healing, hope and love to everyone in our lives. Talk about knowing what we need! Thank you, Father. We love you!

In His Peace, Power and Joy,

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