



August 22, 2021 | Part 7: Mistakes That Short-Circuit Our Prayers

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The One Thing:

Prayer Must Become an

_____.

Four Mistakes that Short-Circuit Our Prayers:

1. When I Pray Focused Only on _____ and I Miss _____.

Luke 18:10-12

2. When I Focus on My _____ Expressions and I Miss the _____ in My Heart.

Luke 18:9-13

3. When I Profess _____ and I Miss _____.

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4. When I Exalt _____ and I Miss Both _____ and _____.

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How to Avoid Self-Righteous Prayers:

1. Be Purposefully _____.

2. Be Painfully _____.