



# deovox individual devotional guide

An Audience of One: Matthew 6.1-8 Week 8

## Day One

Listen to the episode. Read the following questions, and write your answers in the box provided.

**Have you ever received an award? It feels good, doesn't it?** Write down how it felt when you won your most cherished award. Why did it make you feel that way? What does that tell you about yourself at that time in your life? How have you changed since then?

**Reflection: The Pharisees are doing them because they think of God as a patron.** Do you ever think of God as a being who can “do things for you.” Are you guilty of thinking of God simply as the one who is there to answer your prayers. Determine to correct that – if it’s true – by emphasizing other aspects of prayer today and this week. Eg. Spend time now thanking God for his goodness. Worship him for his holiness. Enjoy his presence without asking for anything. Prayer.

## Day Two

Listen to the episode. Read the following questions, and write your answers in the box provided.

**The Pharisees liked to be seen praying.** What religious activities do you like to be seen doing? Write some thoughts on the importance on how you're seen by others, especially related to religious activities, eg. helping at church. Attending/leading prayer meetings etc. Examine your heart.

**Reflection: An Audience of One.** What does it mean to live for an audience of one? The passage emphasizes praying and giving in secret. Later on he'll emphasize the same thing with respect to fasting. Is God calling you to give to someone secretly, or to pray alone more? Ask God to speak to you regarding how you live your Christian life. If you know you look for public recognition, then confess it and ask for forgiveness. Ask for power to change, to start living for God alone. Prayer.



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### Day Three, Four & Five:

Next week, we'll be taking a look at the Lord's Prayer. It is a very familiar passage of Scripture. In fact, it's so familiar that often we forget the depths of what it teaches us about God. Spend the rest of the week doing some reading around Jesus' model prayer. You might want to check out this website that provides an overview of the Lord's Prayer.

<http://www.thisischurch.com/booklets/lordsprayer.htm>

Alternatively, you might want simply to meditate on a different section each day this week.

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from the evil one.

For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.

Ask God to prepare you for the episodes that will be released next week. The more reading you can do on the Lord's Prayer, the better.

**ALTERNATIVE:** Visit the website to download some episodes from previous series. Matthew 1-4 and Genesis 1-5 will be removed from the website around Christmas 2008. Take advantage of their availability while you can.