

CONDITIONS TO ANSWERED PRAYER

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I John 3:22-24

INTRODUCTORY THOUGHTS

1. God _____ prayer.
2. There are occasions when God does not _____ to prayers.
3. There are occasions where our prayers can be _____.
4. God is never in your _____ to answer prayers.
 - a. Obedience is a condition for answered prayer, but it does not put God in our debt.
 - b. "...Prayer is not a quid pro quo, by which God rewards us, answering our prayers according to what we have 'put in' and how please He is with us. Prayer is the expression of our requests to a loving, heavenly Father Who loves both to hear and to answer His children, according to His wisdom as to what is best, or, as John puts in in 5:14, 'according to His will.'" – David Jackman

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1. Pray to the _____ God!
2. _____. (I John 3:22)
 - a. Living in sin before God is one way to make sure that our prayers do not get answered.
 - b. James 5:16, "Confess your faults on to another, and pray one for another, that ye may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."
 - c. I John 3:22-23 = Notice which two commandments are specifically mentioned: faith and love.
 - d. Pro. 15:29, "The LORD is far from the wicked: but He heareth the prayer of the righteous."
3. _____ sin. (Psalm 66:18)
 - a. Isaiah 59:2, "But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid His face from you, that He will not hear."
 - b. I John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
4. Praying according to God's _____. (I John 5:14-15)
 - a. Luke 22:42, "Saying, Father, if Thou be willing, remove this cup from Me: nevertheless not My will, but Thine, be done."
 - b. What are some things that we KNOW God wants?
5. Praying in Christ's _____. (John 14:13-14; 16:24)
 - a. What does it mean to pray in Jesus' name? It means to pray with His _____.
 - b. Hebrews 10:19-22 = It is because of Jesus that we can approach the throne.
 - c. Are you praying for things that would honor and glorify Jesus?
6. _____. (Mark 11:25)
 - a. When you refuse to forgive, you are can get bitter. If you are regarding iniquity in your heart, the Lord will not hear you!
 - b. "To be a Christian means to forgive the inexcusable, because God has forgiven the inexcusable in you." – C.S. Lewis
7. _____. (James 1:5-7; I John 3:22-23; Hebrews 11:6; Matthew 7:7-11; 21:22; Mark 11:24)
8. _____. (Luke 11:5-8; 18:1)
9. Pure _____. (James 4:1-3)
10. _____. (Psalm 100; Phil. 4:6)

*How is your prayer life? Are you seeing _____ to prayer?
Is there something on this list you need to address in your prayer life?*