

Pray It Forward

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Matthew 21:22. Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive.

Why doesn't God answer my prayers? It's a question many of us ask. An important question we consider this week. Here are some thoughts on Prayer. You will find more in your Bible.

First, ask yourself are you praying for what you want for you or what God wants for you? Many times in my own life I focused on a particular thing or goal and was disappointed when it didn't happen the way I wanted. When I didn't get my Miracle. But later, when I looked back on my life, I realized that God had brought me a better outcome than I had asked for.

Second, ask yourself are you praying for what you need or what you want? If you and your children are hungry or homeless and need food and shelter then pray to God for His Help. If you simply want a new cell phone or fancier clothes or a new car, consider those who have no phone, tattered clothes and no car. Before you ask God, *ask yourself, do I really need this?*

Also consider that God may be answering you, but you may not be listening. Open your head and your heart and Listen. While praying stop at times to mediate. Listen. Allow God to speak. When we pray, so many of us blurt forth a steady stream of wants and needs, like children reading their Wish List to Santa at the shopping mall. Then we rush off to continue our busy lives without ever stopping to Listen. Take time to Listen. God has answers for you.

Finally, take time to *Pray It Forward*. Ever notice how we take more time to pray when we urgently need something? When a crisis is looming? When we need God to rescue us? Try praying as hard to Thank God when times are good as you do to Seek God's Help when times are bad. If you have Faith you should pray every day. Make time for God. *Pray it forward*.

God Bless!

*Dear Jesus, I want so much to follow Your Footsteps, to spread Your Word, and to live a Christian Life. Please send the Holy Spirit to bless me with the Gifts of Understanding, Knowledge and Wisdom that I may discern and do Your Will. Lord Jesus, You promised us; ask and you shall receive, seek and you shall find, knock and it shall be opened to you. From the depths of my Heart and with all my Faith, I now ask You Lord for **(state your plea to the Lord here)**. Please bless me with Your Love, Your Peace and Your Mercy and prepare me to receive Your Help and Your Gifts.*

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