

# PRAYER

Selected Scriptures

# God's Promises Concerning Prayer

## Ask-Seek-Knock

- **Matthew 7:7-8(NIV)**
- 7 “**Ask** and it will be given to you; **seek** and you will find; **knock** and the door will be opened to you.
- 8 For everyone who asks *receives*; the one who seeks *finds*; and to the one who knocks, the door will be *opened*

## Will- Do

- **John 14:13 (NIV)**
- 13 And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

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## Will Be Done

- **John 15:7**
- If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

## Confidence

- **1 John 5:14 (NIV)**
  - <sup>14</sup> This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us.
  - <sup>14</sup> Here is what we can be sure of when we come to God in prayer. If we ask anything in keeping with what he wants, he hears us.
- 1 John 5:14 (NIRV)**

# Prayer - Self -assessment

- 1) Did I pray in the past week?
- 2) Did I received answers? **Yes- No -Wait-No Response**
- 3) How did I react to the varying **“Responses”**?

# Unanswered Prayer?

## 1-Apathy & Indifference?

Whoever shuts their ears to the cry of the poor will also cry out and not be answered.

**Proverbs 21:13 (NIV)**

## 2-Wrong-Motives?

And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.

**James 4:3 (NLT)**

## 3-Praying contrary to God's will -

Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything *according to His will*, He hears us. <sup>15</sup> And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him

**. 1 John 5:14-15( NKJV)**

## 4-Hassle in the Castle ?

<sup>7</sup> In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so *your prayers will not be hindered*.

**1 Peter 3:7-8 (NLT)**

# Unanswered Prayer?

## Doubt

But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord. He is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

**James 1:6**

## Un-confessed Sin

"If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me."

**Psalm 66:18**

## Unforgiveness

"When you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive your sins."

**(Mark 11:25)**

## Didn't Bother To Pray?

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5- Doubt ?

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8-Didn't Bother To Pray?

(Phil. 4:6,7)

"Do not be anxious about anything, **but in everything by prayer and petition**, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God that passes human comprehension will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus."

