

LESSON 10 KEYS TO ANSWERED PRAYER

Memory Verse: John 15:7 "If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you."

1. What does it mean to abide?

- To turn aside from one's own way to another with the intent of lodging there.
- To be a client with the Lord as your advocate, which means you will never lose.

2. Almost everyone claims to pray.

- a. The Model Prayer! Almost everyone is familiar with it. (Matthew 6:9-13).
 - (1) The "Model Prayer" is a pattern, not parroting!
 - (a) Don't allow it to become vain repetition (Matthew 6:7).

3. So, how can we learn to pray effectively?

- a. We have to pray! (James 1:22-25)
- b. We must recognize that we have access to God (Hebrews 10:19 -with Hebrews 4:16).
 - (1) Note: the unsaved have access if they are seeking God (Romans 10:13).
- c. Asking in the name of Jesus Christ (John 16:23-24).
 - (1) Jesus is the mediator between God and man (1 Timothy 2:5).
 - (a) Definition: *Mediator* -a go-between.
- d. Praying according to God's will (1 John 5:14-15).
 - (1) This is not accomplished by including the phrase "thy will be done" in our prayers!
 - (a) But, didn't Jesus pray that way? (Matthew 26:36-39).
 - (b) And, isn't that phrase included in the Lord's Prayer? (Matthew 6:10).
 - (2) God's will is found in his word (John 15:7).
 - (a) God's word is His contribution to my prayer life;
- e. Believe you receive the answer (Matthew 21:22 with Mark 11:24).
 - (1) Begin to act as though you already have the answer.

NOTE: it's not hard to "believe you receive when you pray" if you *know* that what you are praying for is God's will!

- f. Unforgiveness is a hindrance (Mark 11:25-26).
 - (1) Bitterness will cause you to: "...fail of the grace of God..." (Hebrews 12:15).
 - (a) Forgive one another (Ephesians 4:32).

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WORKSHEET

1. What kind of prayer produces great results? (James 5:16)
2. According to John 9:31, if we wish God *to* hear our prayers, what two things must we do?
3. By what may we enter boldly into the holy presence of God? (Hebrews 10:19)
4. With what two things should we enter into God's 'presence'? (Psalm 100:4)
5. What should a Christian do instead of worrying? (Philippians 4:6)
6. In whose name should we pray, and with what motive? (John 14:13)
7. Upon what two conditions may we ask what we will (or desire) from God? (John 15:7)
8. Write down four things, found in the following verses, which will hinder answers to our prayers:
James 4:3; 1 Peter 3:5-7; Psalms 66:18; James 1:6-8
9. In order to overcome satanic forces, what must we-sometimes join with prayer (Mark 9:29)
10. In order to receive the that we desire, what must we do when we pray (Mark 11:24)

PERSONAL REFLECTION: In your own words, tell why prayer is important to you.