

## Asking in Prayer

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### KNOW THE HEART OF THE ONE YOU PETITION

#### Matthew 7:7-11 NASB

7 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

8 "For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened.

9 "Or what man is there among you who, when his son asks for a loaf, will give him a stone?

10 "Or if he asks for a fish, he will not give him a snake, will he?

11 "If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give WHAT IS GOOD to those who ask Him!"

#### Luke 12:32 NASB

32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has chosen gladly to give you the kingdom."

#### Ephesians 1:3 NASB

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, **who has blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ.**

#### Romans 8:31-32 NASB

31 What then shall we say to these things? **If God is for us, who is against us?**

32 **He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?**

### KNOW THAT NOTHING IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH GOD

#### Mark 11:12-14 NASB

12 On the next day, when they had left Bethany, He became hungry.

13 Seeing at a distance a fig tree in leaf, He went to see if perhaps He would find anything on it; and when He came to it, He found nothing but leaves, for it was not the season for figs.

14 **He said to it, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again!" And His disciples were listening.**

#### Mark 11:19-24 NASB

19 When evening came, they would go out of the city.

20 As they were passing by in the morning, **they saw the fig tree withered from the roots up.**

21 Being reminded, Peter said to Him, "**Rabbi, look, the fig tree which You cursed has withered.**"

22 And Jesus answered saying to them, "**Have faith in God.**"

23 "**Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be granted him.**"

24 "**Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you.**"

**Mark 9:20-24 NASB**

20 They brought the boy to Him. When he saw Him, immediately the spirit threw him into a convulsion, and falling to the ground, he began rolling around and foaming at the mouth.

21 And He asked his father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood.

22 "It has often thrown him both into the fire and into the water to destroy him. But if You can do anything, take pity on us and help us!"

23 And Jesus said to him, " **'If You can?' All things are possible to him who believes.**"

24 Immediately the boy's father cried out and said, "**I do believe; help my unbelief.**"

## **KNOW GOD'S GUIDELINES FOR PRAYER**

### **Pray with Pure Motives**

**James 4:3-4 NASB**

3 You ask and do not receive, **because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.**

4 You adulteresses, do you not know that **friendship with the world is hostility toward God?** Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God.

### **Pray with a Surrendered Will**

**Matthew 26:39 NASB**

39 And He went a little beyond them, and fell on His face and prayed, saying, "**My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; yet not as I will, but as You will.**"

### **Pray in Faith**

**James 1:5-8 NASB**

5 But if any of you lacks wisdom, **let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him.**

6 But **he must ask in faith without any doubting,** for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind.

7 For that man **ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord,**

8 being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

### **Pray in Jesus' Name**

**John 14:12-14 NASB**

12 "Truly, truly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do, he will do also; and greater works than these he will do; because I go to the Father."

13 "**Whatever you ask IN MY NAME, that will I do,** so that the Father may be glorified in the Son."

14 "**If you ask Me anything IN MY NAME, I will do it.**"

### **Pray by the Word and Will of God**

**John 15:7 NASB**

7 "**If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.**"

**1 John 5:14-15 NASB**

14 **This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.**

15 And **if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.**