

## **PRAYER – HOW TO BE CONFIDENT OF GETTING WHAT YOU PRAYED FOR!!!**

One key to success is CONFIDENCE. Let me explain it this way. Do you often pray for things but don't know if they will happen for you? Or in this case, happen about or to another person.

To be honest, when you say you don't know if you will get what you prayed for, you are really saying that you have no confidence that you will get what you prayed for.

### **Why do you lack confidence in your prayers?**

Is it because you don't know God well enough so you don't trust Him? Or is it that you know God, but don't believe He can get the job done? Or is something wrong with you such as you are unworthy or you refuse to give up some sin in your life?

### **A Christian's relationship with God**

What do the redeemed of the Lord get that non-believers don't? Quite simply, you are a child of God. The Bible says; "Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world

knoweth us not, because it knew him not”. 1 John 3:1.

So what does that buy me, you ask. “He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?”. Romans 8:32.

### **Sin and unworthiness**

If you are feeling unworthy, know that such feelings are only on your side. God doesn't see you as unworthy, oh Christian. “There is now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit”.

Romans 8:1

So as long as you are indeed a born-again Christian, then God no longer condemns you. Which is to say, He doesn't consider you to be unworthy.

Obviously we Christians still sin, and we are supposed to

ask God for His forgiveness on a daily basis for our sins. So you and I need to remember to do this, and that will help us out a whole lot.

### **Step 1 – Ask with right motives**

“Ye lust, and have not: ye kill, and desire to have, and cannot obtain: ye fight and war, yet ye have not, because ye ask not. Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume it upon your lusts”. James 4:2,3 A great thing about prayer is that it is so personal, and you can change whatever inside you without having to tell the world. No embarrassment or messy talks are needed.

Once you truly are clean inside, and you have the right motives about what you are asking for in prayer, what happens? Did you just go through painful change for nothing? Not at all my friend, for God tells us; "Beloved, if our heart condemn us not, then have we confidence toward God." 1 John 3:21. So now you

have confidence toward God. Which is to say that you are worthy, and have no sin that will prevent you from coming to God and having a talk with Him about your needs and desires in prayer.

## **Step 2 -- Believe that God can do it.**

Quite frankly, if God can't do it, then don't bother Him with your unbelief, ok? There is no need to waste His time and yours. "Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?" Jeremiah 32:27. "And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us: And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him." 1John 5:14, 15.

So you came with confidence towards God (Step 1). Now you have confidence in God (Step 2).

## **Step 3 -- Simply Believe**

"Jesus answered and said unto them, Verily I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do this whis is done to the fig tree, but also if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou removed, and be thou cast into the sea; it shall be done. And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." Matthew 21:21, 22.

But I only have enough faith to destroy a fig tree, not to move mountains.

Will I still get my prayers answered? Jesus' reply to you is; "...According to your faith be it unto you". Matthew 9:29. Now you have "washed yourselves" inside, have confidence in who God is, and believe God for whatever is your desire and or need. So start praying with confidence and expect to receive what you pray for.