

# **THE LAW OF ANSWERED PRAYER**

1 John 5:14-15      Jeff Schreve

*And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 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. 1 John 5:14-15*

## **What is involved in getting your prayers answered?**

### **1. God answers when we pray from a pure heart.**

#### **A. Your sins must be confessed.**

*If I regard wickedness in my heart, the Lord will not hear. Psalm 66:18*

#### **B. Your heart must be sensitive to the Lord.**

*You do not have because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, **because you ask with wrong motives**, so that you may spend it on your pleasures. James 4:2-3*

*Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way. Psalm 139:23-24*

### **2. God answers when we pray according to His will.**

#### **A. The Word of God reveals the will of God.**

*Thy word is a lamp to my feet, and a light to my path.  
Psalm 119:105*

#### **B. The Spirit of God reveals the will of God.**

*And while they were ministering to the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for Me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Acts 13:2*

#### **C. When you know it is His will, you can have confidence.**

### 3. God answers when we pray in faith.

*But let him ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. **For let not that man expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.** James 1:6-8*

#### A. Faith is not just believing God can but that God will.

*And without becoming weak in faith he contemplated his own body, now as good as dead since he was about a hundred years old, and the deadness of Sarah's womb; yet, with respect to the promise of God, he did not waver in unbelief, but grew strong in faith, giving glory to God, and being fully assured that what He had promised, He was able also to perform. Romans 4:19-21*

#### B. Faith grows as you focus on God's track record.

*I remember the days of old. I ponder all your great works and think about what you have done. Psalm 145:3*

**Do you want God to answer your prayers? He does too!**

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