

Faith and Answered Prayer

Prayer is the most powerful ability the believer has access to.

Ephesians 6:18-Pray...with all kinds of prayers.

The Bible speaks of many different kinds of prayer: intercessory prayer, warfare prayer, worship, praise, prayers of petition, (**answered prayer**) and communion, to name a few.



To 'abide' is the key to answered prayer!

John 15:4-**Abide** in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the Vine; neither can ye, except ye **abide** in Me.”

***Abide**-Greek-*Meno*-Remain, continue, dwell, and abide. **The Message Bible** says, **“Live in Me!”** We cannot just “come unto Him”...that is the 1st step...we must then **abide!**

God’s Word shows you how to ask Him wisely for the things you need. *As you “abide” in Him, the Holy Spirit will prompt you to ask for the right things.* God’s Word will teach you how to have continual communion with Him.

*If you have unanswered questions in a situation, remember **Deuteronomy 29:29: *The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law.***

*Your task is to act on the “revealed things” and **trust God** with those things that you don’t understand.

1. Abiding in Christ, we ask in accordance with the will of God

Abiding in Christ, the soul learns not only to desire, but spiritually to discern what will be for God’s glory...(A good question to ask yourself: **“Does this glorify God?” Remember John 17:4**)

2. Abiding in Christ, we can fully avail ourselves of the Name of Christ. Abiding in Christ secures the full power of His merits to us. Through abiding, we will feel the confidence to use His Name in prayer. **“Whatsoever ye ask in My Name”.** *Note-This cannot be severed from “Whatsoever ye do, do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus.”*

3. Abiding in Christ works in us the faith that alone can obtain an answer. Our times of intimacy with Christ will fashion or form our faith. John 15:5-“Without Me you can do nothing.” (Even believing!)

4. Abiding in Christ keeps us in the place where the answer can be bestowed. Some believers pray earnestly for blessing; but when God comes and looks for them to bless them, they are not to be found. They never thought that the blessing must not only be asked, but also waited for, and received in prayer. **Abiding in Christ is the place for receiving answers.** Out of Him the answer would be dangerous-we should consume it on our lusts (James 4:3).

If Jesus dwells at the source of my life-if the flow of His life has replaced all of my life-then He can safely commit the praying to my will. **If absolute obedience to Him is the inspiration and force of every movement of my life, then He will pledge Himself, by duty, that whatsoever is asked will be granted.**