



HAVE CONFIDENCE IN GOD

“Getting What You Ask For”

WORDS FOR THOUGHT

Praying with confidence, know that what you ask for you will receive is so very important. We must trust God to be a God of His Word.

Bible Study

James 5:14-15

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John 14:13 - And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

Matthew 7:7 - Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you:

John 16:24 - Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full.

1 John 5:14 - And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

1 John 5:14-15 (NKJV) Now this is the confidence that **we have in Him**, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him.

- Our confidence is not in our ability it is in God's ability
- Things that you may ask for may be out of your ability and means but not His.
- To ask means that you are required to open your mouth
- What we ask for needs to be in line with His will
- You must know that God is listening to you
- The "IF" we know which is to know in your knower this come through a relationship
- God does not place any limitations on your asking He said "Whatever"

SO WHAT HINDERS US FROM GETTING WHAT WE ASK FOR?

1. Unforgiveness
If we do not forgive others, our Heavenly Father will not forgive us. (Matthew 6:15)
2. Unbelief
Pray with confidence, believing God to do what He said He will do. James 1:6-7 says "But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind. For let not that man suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord."
3. Selfishness
Ask for the things in God's will, the outcome of which is to honour and glorify

God. James 4:3 says "You ask and do not receive because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures."

4. Failure to ask God to supply our needs
James 4:2 says "You lust and do not have. You murder and covet and cannot obtain. You fight and war. Yet you do not have because you do not ask."
5. Disobedience
Pray and ask God with confidence, obeying His commandments. 1 John 3:22 says "And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things which are pleasing in His sight."
6. Praying Alone
Pray with others and agree in faith. Matthew 18:19 says "Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven."
7. Disharmony in family or with others
Be at peace with one another. 1 Peter 3:7 says "Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honour to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered."
8. Forgetting the Poor
- Ignoring and not having compassion. Proverbs 21:13 says "Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of the poor will also cry himself and not be heard."
9. Not wanting to wait on God
Matthew 7:7,8 says "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks it will be opened."

The Blessed Holy Spirit can lead us, teach us and guide us to overcome these hindrances, if we ask Him to help us in our daily Christian walk with Jesus Christ.

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