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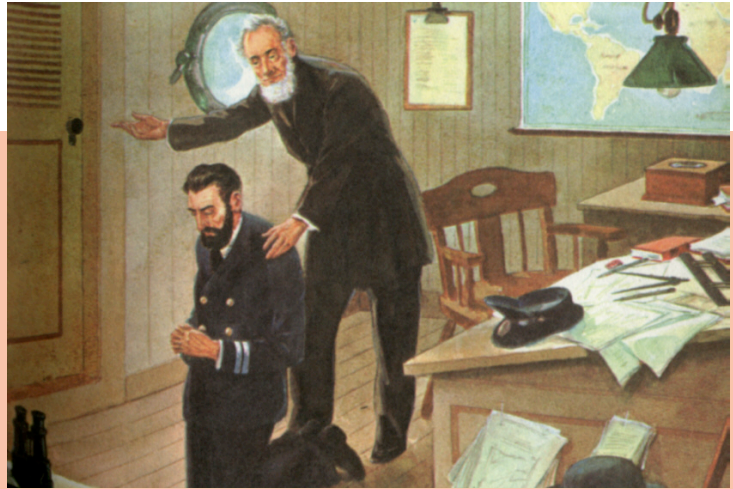
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The Whole Truth About



PRAYER & FAITH

The story is told of the great man of prayer and faith, George Muller. He was on his way to Quebec on a ship when fog made the journey difficult and slowed the course considerably. Muller is



reported to have accosted the Captain and informed him of his appointment in Quebec. The Captain told him that there was no way they would reach Quebec in time. Then Muller asked if they could pray in the captain's office. The captain agreed but thought the prayer useless. Muller stated that his eye was not on the density of the fog but on the power of the almighty. Once in the office Muller prayed a simply prayer asking God to remove the fog so that he could meet his appointment. As the kneeling captain was about to pray, Muller forbade him saying there was no need. Muller told the captain that he knew he did not believe that God would do it, and secondly, the fog was already gone—and it was! Is this kind of power available to us? Yes it is!

1. What did Jesus say about the Christian's capability to achieve?

ANSWER:

" . . . if you have faith as a mustard seed, you will say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it will move; and nothing will be impossible for you."

Matthew 17:20



2. What is faith?

ANSWER:

**"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."
Hebrews 11:1**

3. Can we seek to please God without faith?

ANSWER:

**"But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him."
Hebrews 11:6**



4. What is prayer?



Note: Prayer is the art of communication with God.

**"Now in the morning,
having risen a long
while before daylight,
He went out and
departed to a solitary
place; and there He
prayed."
Mark 1:35**

ANSWER:

**""Pray, then, in this way: 'Our Father who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. 'Give us this day our daily bread. 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil. [For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.]'"
Matthew 6:9-13 NAS95S**

5. What can be accomplished through prayer and faith?

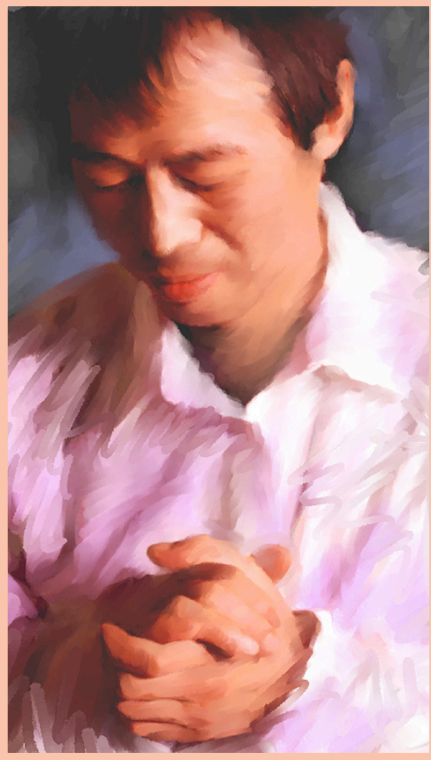
ANSWER:

"So Jesus answered and said to them, "Have faith in God. For assuredly, I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be removed and be cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that those things he says will be done, he will have whatever he says.

Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."

Mark 11:22-24





6. How vital is prayer for the Christian?

ANSWER:

""Watch and pray, lest you enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.""

Matthew 26:41

7. How many times should one pray?

ANSWER:

"So they answered and said before the king, "That Daniel, who is one of the captives from Judah, does not show due regard for you, O king, or for the decree that you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day."

Daniel 6:13

**"Pray without ceasing."
1 Thessalonians 5:17**



Note: Daniel prayed three times a day--most probably for adoration and praise in worship. The Bible says we should pray without ceasing. In other words, we should always be in a frame of mind to communicate with God. We can do this while we work or while we play. In the words of one author no prayer, no power, little prayer, little power, much prayer, much power.

8. What is the ultimate guideline for prayer?

ANSWER:

**"Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."
1 John 5:14**

**"...Father, if it is Your will, take this cup away from Me; nevertheless not My will, but Yours, be done."
Luke 22:42**

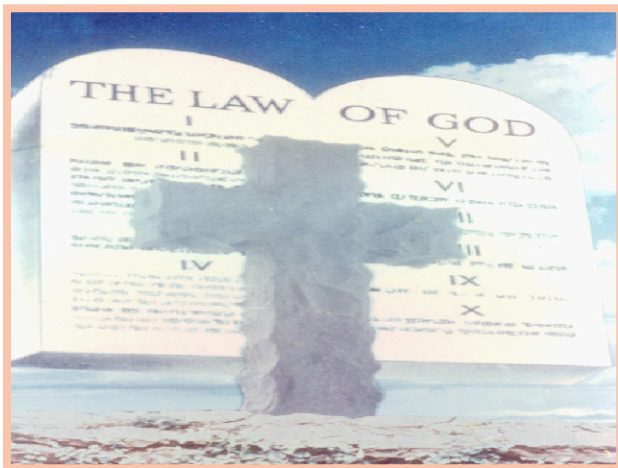


Note: Our prayers should always be according to the will of God.

9. What is the will of God?

ANSWER:

**"I delight to do Your will, O my God, And Your law is within my heart."
Psalms 40:8**



10. Does God always answer our prayers?



ANSWER:

"Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me.

And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.

Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong." 2 Corinthians 12:8-10

Note: The Apostle Paul's thorn in the side was not taken away from him because God saw fit to use this experience to strengthen him spiritually. It is said that God always answers prayers three ways—Yes, no, or wait.

11. What is one necessary requirement for asking God anything?



ANSWER:

"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."

James 1:6

"Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over

him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven."

James 5:14-15



Note: We see in these two examples of scripture that the element of faith is necessary when we are petitioning God.

12. How willing is God to grant our prayer requests that are in accordance to His will?

ANSWER:

"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. Or what man is there among you who, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will he give him a serpent? 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 good things to those who ask Him!"

Matthew 7:7-11

13. Does prayer only consist of making requests?



ANSWER:

No, here are some scriptural examples of different types of prayers.

ADORATION

**"I will bless the Lord at all times;
His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul shall make its boast in the Lord;
The humble shall hear of it and be glad.**

**Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
And let us exalt His name together.
I sought the Lord, and He heard me,
And delivered me from all my fears."**

Psalms 34:1-4

INTERCESSORY

"And the Lord said to Moses, "Go, get down! For your people whom you brought out of the land of Egypt have corrupted themselves.

Then Moses pleaded with the Lord his God, and said:

"Lord, why does Your wrath burn hot against Your people whom You have brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand?

Why should the Egyptians speak, and say, 'He brought them out to harm them, to kill them in the

mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from Your fierce wrath, and relent from this harm to Your people.

Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, Your servants, to whom You swore by Your own self, and said to them, I will multiply your descendants as the stars of heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of I give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.' "

So the Lord relented from the harm which He said He would do to His people."

Exodus 32:7, 11-14

THANKSGIVING

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

1Thessalonians 5:18

CONFESSION AND REPENTANCE

**"Have mercy upon me, O God,
According to Your lovingkindness;
According to the multitude of Your tender mercies,
Blot out my transgressions.
Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
And cleanse me from my sin.
For I acknowledge my transgressions,
And my sin is always before me.
Against You, You only, have I sinned,**

**And done this evil in Your sight—
That You may be found just when You speak,
And blameless when You judge.
Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
And in sin my mother conceived me.
Behold, You desire truth in the inward parts,
And in the hidden part You will make me to know wisdom.
Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
Wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
Make me hear joy and gladness,
That the bones You have broken may rejoice.
Hide Your face from my sins,
And blot out all my iniquities.
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from Your presence,
And do not take Your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of Your salvation,
And uphold me by Your generous Spirit.
Then I will teach transgressors Your ways,
And sinners shall be converted to You.
Deliver me from the guilt of bloodshed, O God,
The God of my salvation,
And my tongue shall sing aloud of Your righteousness.
O Lord, open my lips,
And my mouth shall show forth Your praise.
For You do not desire sacrifice, or else I would give it;
You do not delight in burnt offering.
The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit,
A broken and a contrite heart—
These, O God, You will not despise.
Do good in Your good pleasure to Zion;
Build the walls of Jerusalem.
Then You shall be pleased with the sacrifices of
righteousness,**

**With burnt offering and whole burnt offering;
Then they shall offer bulls on Your altar.”
Psalms 51:1-19 NAS95S**

14. Can sinners talk to God?



Note: Through prayer and faith the weakest sinner can be saved.

ANSWER:

“Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: “Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank You that I am not like other men— extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.’ And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise his eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, ‘God, be merciful to me a sinner!’ I tell you, this man went down to his house justified rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.”

Luke 18:9-14

15. What things are possible with prayer and faith in Jesus?

ANSWER:

**"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me."
Philippians 4:13**



We have so great a privilege to

Speak with the Creator of the universe. Endless resources await our requests. Prayer is the art of communicating with God. It gives us a chance to develop a relationship with a loving God who cares and who wants to hear from us. Through communicating with God we are given the strength to make it in this world and to be prepared to live in the next. The songwriter wrote: "What a friend we have in Jesus all our sins and griefs to bear what a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer. O what peace we often forfeit, O what need-less pain we bear, all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer." Will you utilize this gift in your life right now?

