

# FIVE CONDITIONS OF ANSWERED PRAYER

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**Psalm 66:18 (NLT)** <sup>18</sup>If I had not confessed the sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

**Isaiah 59:1-2 (NLT)** <sup>1</sup>Listen! The LORD's arm is not too weak to save you, nor is his ear too deaf to hear you call. <sup>2</sup>It's your sins that have cut you off from God. Because of your sins, he has turned away and will not listen anymore.

**Proverbs 28:13 (NLT)** <sup>13</sup>People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.

**1 John 1:8-9 (NLT)** <sup>8</sup>If we claim we have no sin, we are only fooling ourselves and not living in the truth. <sup>9</sup>But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all wickedness.

**1 John 3:21-22 (NLT)** <sup>21</sup>Dear friends, if we don't feel guilty, we can come to God with bold confidence. <sup>22</sup>And we will receive from him whatever we ask because we obey him and do the things that please him.

**1 John 5:14-15 (NLT)** <sup>14</sup>And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. <sup>15</sup>And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for.

**Mark 11:20-25 (NLT)** <sup>20</sup>The next morning as they passed by the fig tree he had cursed, the disciples noticed it had withered from the roots up. <sup>21</sup>Peter remembered what Jesus had said to the tree on the previous day and exclaimed, "Look, Rabbi! The fig tree you cursed has withered and died!" <sup>22</sup>Then Jesus said to the disciples, "Have faith in God. <sup>23</sup>I tell you the truth, you can say to this mountain, 'May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,' and it will happen. But you must really believe it will happen and have no doubt in your heart. <sup>24</sup>I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours. <sup>25</sup>But when you are praying, first forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too."

**Matthew 6:14-15 (NLT)** <sup>14</sup>If you forgive those who sin against you, your heavenly Father will forgive you. <sup>15</sup>But if you refuse to forgive others, your Father will not forgive your sins.

**1 Peter 3:7 (NLT)** <sup>7</sup>In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered.

## Does God promise to answer everyone's prayers?

### Five Conditions of Answered Prayer:

1) We need to have an \_\_\_\_\_ relationship with God.

#### Three questions to consider:

A) Do we have \_\_\_\_\_ sin in our lives?  
✓ See Psalm 66:18, Isaiah 59:1-2, Proverbs 28:13, and 1 John 1:8-9

B) Are we \_\_\_\_\_ God's principles?  
✓ See 1 John 3:21-22

*God understands we are not going to be perfect and He really doesn't expect perfection. He does expect, however, that we will be obedient and have a genuine desire to "do the right things" in our lives.*

C) Do I really want \_\_\_\_\_ to be done?  
✓ See 1 John 5:14-15

2) We need to have a \_\_\_\_\_ and treat other people the right way.

✓ See Mark 11:20-25, Matthew 6:9-15 (esp. verses 14-15), 1 Peter 3:7, and Matthew 22:37-39

*Our relationship with God and God's answers to our prayers are directly tied into our relationships with others.*



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**Matthew 22:37-39 (NLT)** <sup>37</sup>Jesus replied, “ ‘You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ <sup>38</sup>This is the first and greatest commandment. <sup>39</sup>A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”

**James 4:1-3 (NLT)** <sup>1</sup>What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the evil desires at war within you? <sup>2</sup>You want what you don't have, so you scheme and kill to get it. You are jealous of what others have, but you can't get it, so you fight and wage war to take it away from them. Yet you don't have what you want because you don't ask God for it. <sup>3</sup>And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.”

**1 John 3:22-23 (NLT)** <sup>22</sup>And we will receive from him whatever we ask because we obey him and do the things that please him. <sup>23</sup>And this is his commandment: We must believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as he commanded us.

**1 John 3:16-17 (NLT)** <sup>16</sup>We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters. <sup>17</sup>If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person?

**Matthew 21:18-22 (NLT)** <sup>18</sup>In the morning, as Jesus was returning to Jerusalem, he was hungry, <sup>19</sup>and he noticed a fig tree beside the road. He went over to see if there were any figs, but there were only leaves. Then he said to it, “May you never bear fruit again!” And immediately the fig tree withered up. <sup>20</sup>The disciples were amazed when they saw this and asked, “How did the fig tree wither so quickly?” <sup>21</sup>Then Jesus told them, “I tell you the truth, if you have faith and don't doubt, you can do things like this and much more. You can even say to this mountain, ‘May you be lifted up and thrown into the sea,’ and it will happen. <sup>22</sup>You can pray for anything, and if you have faith, you will receive it.”

**John 14:12-14 (NLT)** <sup>12</sup>“I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. <sup>13</sup>You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. <sup>14</sup>Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!”

**John 16:23-24 (NLT)** <sup>23</sup>At that time you won't need to ask me for anything. I tell you the truth, you will ask the Father directly, and he will grant your request because you use my name. <sup>24</sup>You haven't done this before. Ask, using my name, and you will receive, and you will have abundant joy.

3) We need to be willing to \_\_\_\_\_  
with God and others.

✓ See James 4:1-3 and 1 John 3:11-24 (esp. verses 22-23 and 16-17)

*We can't ever lose sight of the fact that  
life is about much more than our personal  
pleasure and happiness.*

4) We need to \_\_\_\_\_ God will answer our  
prayers.

✓ See Matthew 21:18-22

Something to keep in mind...

- Faith is NOT having a sincere or great desire for something
- Faith is NOT saying that you believe God can do something
- Faith is NOT saying you believe God might do something
  
- Faith IS believing GOD WILL DO IT

5) We need to pray in \_\_\_\_\_.

✓ See John 14:12-14 and John 16:16-28 (especially verses 23-24)

## How to Begin a Relationship with Jesus

**Believe** that Jesus is who He said He was, that He came and died on the cross, and that He arose from the dead three days later.

**Acknowledge** your sins and ask God to forgive you.

**Submit** yourself to follow God's teachings for life.

**Express** your desire to have this kind of relationship to God.

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