



Part 16: Confidence in Prayer

1 John 3:21-24

1. What are the top things that discourage you from praying more?

a. Do you want to grow in your prayer life? Why?

b. Fill in the blanks. Spiritual Principle - _____ God gives me _____ that my _____ will be _____.

2. Read 1 John 3:21. What keeps our heart from condemning us? Consider 1 John 3:18-20.

3. Read 1 John 3:22. Why is it exciting to think about receiving from God *whatever* you ask for? How much more would you pray if you *truly believed* God would answer “yes” to your prayers?

a. Why should we be careful to assume that receiving “whatever” we ask for in prayer *literally* means – anything? Why should we be careful to read the whole passage before jumping to conclusion about what God wants us to learn here?

b. What are the two reasons given for WHY we receive “whatever” we ask for?

c. Why do these two reasons impact not only what God will *give* us, but also what we would even *request* of God?

d. What does it mean to be someone who “keeps his commandments?”

e. What does it mean to be someone who “pleases” God?

f. Why must developing a deeper *relationship* with God be the focus when it comes to obeying His commands and pleasing Him?

g. Read 1 John 1:8. How does our ongoing battle with *sin* come into play with the promise of v. 22?

4. Read 1 John 3:23-24. What does it mean to obey the command to “believe” in Jesus?

a. Why are believing in Jesus and loving one another both referred to as simply – *ONE* command?

b. Read Galatians 2:20. Why must you continue to place your faith in Jesus when you approach God in prayer?

c. Why is ongoing faith in Jesus the central issue to praying in such a way that your prayers *will* be answered?

5. Did God clear up any of your confusion about prayer through this teaching? If so, explain.

6. What is your main take away from this passage? What will you plan to remember so that your prayer life will become more effective?
