

# **First Baptist Church – Odessa**

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## **“I Expect Him to Have a Confident Prayer Life”**

### **“12 Expectations of Your Pastoral Leadership” - Pt. 5**

1 John 5:13-15 & Selected

### **Confident Praying is Possible...**

#### **I. When I know I have eternal life!**

*“I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God that you may know that you have eternal life.”* Vs. 13

#### **II. When I know He hears me when I pray!**

*“And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us.”* Vs. 14

#### **III. When I know I am praying in the will of God!**

*“And this is the confidence that we have toward Him, that if we ask anything according to His will He hears us.”* Vs. 14

- **God wants for me exactly what I'd want for myself if I saw things as He sees them.**

*“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.”* Isaiah 55:8-9

- **Nothing lies outside the reach of prayer except that which lies outside the will of God!**  
*“Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand.” Proverbs 19:21*

#### **IV. When I know I will receive what I have requested!**

*“And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests that we have asked of Him.” Vs. 15*

- **Total surrender to God’s will is required!**  
See 1 John 3:19-24
- **Total surrender to God’s Word is required!**  
*“If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.” John 15:7*
- **Total surrender to God’s Spirit is required!**  
*“Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. And He who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.”*  
Romans 8:26-27

*“Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”*

Hebrews 4:16