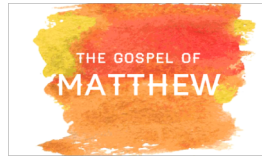


# Disciple's Quest

*If you continue in My word, then you are truly disciples of Mine.*

John 8:31



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How to Pray Powerfully

Matthew 21:20 – 22

## Main Idea:

God works powerfully to accomplish His will in response to the faith-filled prayers of disciples of Jesus.

## Outline:

1) The Perplexity

2) The Potential

3) The Provisos

- To see God work mightily through our prayers, we must pray in concert with His will.
- To see God work mightily through our prayers, we must have faith, and not doubt Him.

4) The Promise

## Questions for further contemplation and application after the message:

#1 We often talk about prayer, pledge our prayer support to others so forth. We say, sometimes insistently, that we believe in the power of prayer. What is the proof that we really do?

#2 The point was made in the message that God answers prayers that are in accord with His will. How can we learn what the will of the Lord is?

Reflecting on Matthew 6:10, is it possible to pray for God's will generally even in areas where we may be uncertain of what His will is specifically?

What does it take on our part to do this?

#3 The point was made in the message that sometimes, "no" or "wait" is the perfect answer to receive from the Lord when we pray. In cases where we are confident that our request is according to His will, how should we respond when no immediate answer seems to have been given? Consult Matthew 7:7-11 for help if needed.

Can you recall an occasion when an answer to prayer (such as the salvation of a friend) was granted by God, but only after praying for many years?

What's the lesson?

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