

## **“The Secret To Answered Prayer?!” - John 15:7**

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- **John 14:13-14** - “And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask anything in My name, I will do it.”
- **John 16:23-24** - “And in that day you will ask Me nothing. Most assuredly, I say to you, whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you. Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full.”

Every true believer, can have their **PRAYERS** answered, according to the will of God!  
According to the words of Jesus, it’s dependent on one primary thing: **ABIDING** in Jesus.  
If you do that, if you stay **CONNECTED** & **ABIDE** in Jesus, you’ll receive 3 special blessings:

- I. **The PROMISE of Prayer** - will be yours!
- II. **The PEOPLE of Prayer** - will be yours!
- III. **The POWER of Prayer** - will be yours!

### **I. The PROMISE of Prayer:**

**John 15:7 (NKJV):** “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.”

- **Matt 7:7-11 NLT** - "Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks, receives. Everyone who seeks, finds. And to everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. You parents—if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask Him.”
  - “The greatest tragedy in life is the prayers that go on answered, simply because they go unasked.” - Mark Batterson

### **II. The PEOPLE of Prayer:**

**John 15:7 (NKJV):** “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.”

- **WHO specifically** are these promises made to??? - **TRUE DISCIPLES!** (Luke 9:23)
  - **Lay** down your life!
  - **Lift** up your own cross!
  - **Led** by Jesus as Master!
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  - What amazing intimacy we have the privilege to enjoy with the GOD of the universe, every day, in prayer!!
    - **Imagine if you had the privilege of a private, personal meeting, with a great & powerful person, that you deeply admire and respect... YOU CAN WITH GOD ALMIGHTY!!**
      - Have a **quiet place**, have a **quiet heart**, and a **quiet time** w Jesus!

### III. The **POWER** of Prayer:

**John 15:7 (NKJV):** "If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and **it shall be done** for you."

- "There is power in prayer. When men work, they work. But when men pray, God works!"  
- Angus Buchanan
  - "Every great move them if God can be traced to a kneeling figure." - DL Moody
  - "Prayer is not in preparation for the battle; it is the battle!" - L. Raven hill
  - "Prayer is not for the enhancement of our comfort, but for the advancement of Christ's Kingdom!" - John Piper
- **Eph 6:10-13, 18-19** NLT - "A final word: **Be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power.** Put on all of God's armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. For we are not **fighting** against flesh-and-blood enemies, but **against evil rulers and authorities** of the unseen world, against **mighty powers** in this dark world, and against **evil spirits** in the heavenly places. Therefore, **put on every piece of God's armor** so **you will be able to resist** the enemy in the time of evil. Then after the battle you will still be standing firm... **PRAY in the Spirit at all times** and on every occasion. Stay alert and **be persistent in your PRAYERS** for all believers everywhere. And **PRAY for me, too.** Ask God to give me the right words so I can boldly explain God's mysterious plan that the Good News is for Jews and Gentiles alike."
- **Christians with our prayers...?!?!**
    - **How many problems are there in YOUR world, that need the POWER of God to be unleashed, thru prayer?!?**

### **APPLICATIONAL QUESTIONS:**

- Will you take Jesus up on His amazing **PROMISE**??
- Will you be one of the **PEOPLE** who pray to Christ in faith??
- Will you take time & experience the awesome **POWER** of prayer??

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