

Real World Skit

Two students discuss prayer.

Student 1: This is the worst! I thought God listened to prayers.

Student 2: He does. What's wrong?

Student 1: Well, I just got a D on my spelling test today.

Student 2: Uh oh. Didn't you study?

Student 1: Not really. I was too busy watching TV, and I forgot about studying until it was too late. So I prayed and asked God to help me pass my spelling test right before I took it.

Student 2: That was your prayer?

Student 1: Yeah! I really needed God's help, but He let me down.

Student 2: Wait a minute. You watched TV instead of working on your spelling last night, but you wanted God to help you pass your test?

Student 1: Yeah. What's wrong with that?

Student 2: Well, I don't think that's how we're supposed to pray.

Student 1: What do you mean? We just learned at church that God is in control of everything. So I figured He should be able to help me out with a little old spelling test.

Student 2: Well, yeah, He is in control of everything.

Student 1: And the Bible says God will work things out for good for the people that love Him.

Student 2: That's right, too. But that doesn't mean we should be asking Him for selfish stuff or not doing what we know we're supposed to do.

Student 1: Now I'm confused. What does it mean then?

Student 2: Well, actually, my dad just talked to me about the very same thing.

Student 1: Really? What did he say?

Student 2: Remember when I got that F on my math quiz? I was really mad about that. But I hadn't done all my homework, and so when we had the quiz, I didn't know how to solve the problems.

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Student 1: Oh yeah. I remember that.

Student 2: So my dad said I couldn't blame anybody but myself for the F. Doing my homework is my job. That's not something God does for me. And God expects me to do my job the best I can.

Student 1: I think I get what you're saying. I didn't do well on my spelling test because I didn't study.

Student 2: Yeah, not because God didn't want to help you, but because He wants you to do your part, too.

Student 1: I guess getting a bad grade taught me a lesson. I need to do my best and study, or I won't learn anything.

Student 2: Dad also said that we should always thank God for helping us to do our best. Without Him, we can't do anything. He is merciful when we mess up and forget to do something like study, but we also have to learn from our mistakes.

Student 1: So, it's fine to ask for help, but I need to do my part and be thankful when God answers?

Student 2: Right. We need God to help us do our best.

Student 1: Hmmm. That reminds me . . . we better go and do our homework for tomorrow! I'm trying for a better grade this time!