

The Seriousness of Sin and Power of Prayer

1 John 5:14 - 17

Sentimental vs. Sincere Prayers

Fist things first,

God has an objective moral standard that is not cultural, it is eternal.

Unrighteousness = taking what is right and trying to undo it.

- Marriage
- Gender
- Life & Conception
- Israel

Now, all unrighteousness is sin but not all sin is equal.

Sin that is of such evil that it throws the offender beyond the reach of mercy and which is not to be pardoned.

- Korah
- Phinehas & Hophni
- Ananias & Saphira
- Communion in an unworthy manner

1 Timothy 1:18-20 This charge I commit to you, son Timothy, according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare, having faith and a good conscience, which some having rejected, concerning the faith have suffered shipwreck, of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

1 Corinthians 5:5 deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

INTERCEDE – to act in behalf of someone in difficulty or trouble, as by pleading or petition

(16) He and he, so closely related you cannot tell them apart... partnership

- Matthew 7:5 - Plank out of your eye... pray don't think
- Jude 1:22 - Compassion vs. Compulsion
- Galatians 6:2 Bear Burdens and mature restore a brethren

The Bible is where you learn from God, Prayer is where you receive from God.

Wisdom – Ask (prayer)

Anxiety for peace – let your requests be made known (prayer)

Break strongholds – prayer & fasting

What are you confident in or about?

This is the confidence we have in God (Jesus)

1 Timothy 2:5 For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,

Hebrews 7:25 Therefore He is also able to save to the uttermost those who come to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them.

PRAY WITH – confidence, clarity, contentment

Confidence is not a result of prayer but our approach to prayer

Confidence:

Freedom in speech, unreserved, without ambiguity

Fearless, cheerful courage, and bold assurance.

Just ask... with joyful, confident expectation, ASK!

- We don't pray to saints or relatives – one intercessor/mediator.
- Even if you could... there is no reason you would.

Who created the world?

Who knit you together in your mother's womb?

Who has numbered your days?

Who knows your thoughts before you even think them?

Who know your past and was still willing to die for you?

Who holds your future in their hands & has thoughts of peace, not of evil?

Ask with Clarity

(16– ask) to ask, to crave, to desire, beg.

We do not work ourselves up into a frenzy, the power is not in **how** you pray but in **Who** you are praying to. HOWEVER, if we had in mind **Who** we were praying to, would it not change **HOW** we pray?!

Wiersbe "Prayer is not only the utterance of the lips; but the desire of the heart."

"Prayer is a mighty instrument, not for getting our will done in heaven but for getting God's will done on earth." – Robert Law

John 14:13 "And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

James 4:2 – *you do not have because you do not ask.*

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Confidence

Clarity

Contentment

What good is a racecar without a break pedal

God will answer the prayers that are in accordance with His will.

He supplies our needs not our greeds.

Philippians 4:19 And my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.

Our asking is in accordance with His wanting

If my kinds ask for something that is in line with what I believe is good for them the answer is a resounding, excited YES!

1 John Full Circle

That your joy may be full

That you may be confident in Christ

Intercession (What are you praying for, how are you praying?)

What are you and God working on?

Who are you and God working on?

PRAY!

- With Confidence
- With Clarity
- With Contentment

Amongst many things, prayer keeps you focused, centered, humble, and seeking the narrow.

Start or Restart with PRAYER!!!