



Go for God!

“Do You Know?”

1 JOHN Chapter 5:14-21

- > **Do You Know God Answers Prayer? (v14-15)**
- > **Do You Know Who is born of God? (v16-19)**
- > **Do You Know the True God & Eternal Life? (v20-21)**

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~ **How do we ask according to HIS WILL? (4 keys)**

- Key #1 - **We ask with the right heart, live the right life, have the right faith, and have the right love!** - 1 John 3:22-23- *And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His commandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.*

- Key #2 - **Let us learn from Jesus-** Matthew 6:9-13- *In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven (personal), Hallowed be Your name (honoring). Your kingdom come (dependence). Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven (priority). Give us this day our daily bread (trusting). And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors (humility). And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one (protection). For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever (Supercalafraflistickexpyalladocious!). Amen.*

- Key #3 - **Ask according to His Word** - John 15:7- *If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.*

- Key #4 - **Study prayers from the Bible and pray accordingly.**

(i.e. - Paul's prayers in Ephesians 2:15-21; 3:13-21; mark your Bible with a capital "P")

~ **How do we create obstacles to our prayers:**

- **Continual sin** - Ps 66:18 - *If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear.*

- **Marital division** - 1 Peter 3:7 - *Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.*

- **Selfishness** - James 4:3 - *You ask and do not receive, because you ask amiss, that you may spend it on your pleasures.*

- **Unresolved relationships** - Matthew 5:23-25 - *Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.*

- Lack of faith - Luke 18:1-8

- Full of Pride / self-righteousness - Luke 18:9-14

> Do You Know Who is born of God? (v16-19)

- A person who turns from sin and turns to Godly living! Jesus said you shall know them by their fruit!

- What do we do with a sinning brother?

#1 - *Intercede for them through prayer!*

#2 - *Talk to them & encourage them to repent & return to the Lord Jesus Christ!*
(Prodigal son – Luke 15:11-32)

- What is this sin leading to death? *It could be we “reap what we sow” or “God’s judgment.”*

- For example Warren Wiersbe writes, *“The sin unto death” is not some one specific sin. Rather, it is a kind of sin—it is the sort of sin that leads to death. With Nadab and Abihu, it was their presumption in taking the priest’s office and entering the holy of holies. In the case of Achan it was covetousness. Ananias and Sapphira were guilty of hypocrisy and even of lying to the Holy Spirit . . . Some believers at Corinth died because of the way they had acted at the Lord’s Supper (1Cor. 11:30) . . . If a believer does not judge, confess, and forsake sin, God must chasten him. This process is described in Hebrews 12:1-13, which suggests that a person who does not subject himself to the Father will not live (Heb. 12:9). In other words, first God “spanks” his rebellious children, and if they do not yield to His will, He may remove them from the world lest their disobedience lead others astray and bring further disgrace to His name.”*

(v17a) ALL UNRIGHTEOUSNESS is SIN!

- Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 6:9-10 – Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God.

- Jesus said in Matthew 7:22-23 - *“Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father in heaven. “Many will say to Me in that day, ‘Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?’ “And then I will declare to them, ‘I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!’”*

- We read in Revelation 21:8 - *“But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”*

(17b) What is sin not leading to death?

- After reading 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, we read in verse 11 - *And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.*

- John instructs and comforts our hearts in 1 John 1:7-9 - *But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

(v18) *the whole world is under the sway of the wicked one* - Satan is our **ADVERSARY** – Peter writes in the New Testament - *Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil walks about like a roaring lion, seeking whom he may devour. Resist him, steadfast in the faith, knowing that the same sufferings are experienced by your brotherhood in the world. But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. To Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen.* (1 Peter 5:8-11)

> Do You Know the True God & Eternal Life? (v20-21)

- JESUS CHRIST IS THE TRUE GOD & ETERNAL LIFE!!!

Jesus said in John 5:24- *"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has everlasting life, and shall not come into judgment, but has passed from death into life."*

Jesus also said in John 11:25-26- *"I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live. And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?"*

~ Do You Know Jesus Christ Gave His All For You!

He gave His head to the crown of thorns.

He gave His Back to the cruel lash.

He gave His Cheeks to those who plucked out the hairs.

He gave His Face to the rude human spittle.

He gave His Shoulders to be draped with the robe of mock royalty.

He gave His clothes to His murderers.

He gave His mother to the Apostle John.

He gave His hands and feet to be transfixed with nails to the accursed Cross.

He gave His blood to this earth for the remission of sins.

He gave His body for the life of the world.

He gave His spirit to God.

Abandoned and desolate, without God, friend, and acquaintance far from Him, He gave Himself unto death. The sun withdrew; behind the black pall of mourning cold, as a cruel world shivered, nature itself refused to contribute anything—Jesus Christ “gave everything.” You know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, who was rich, yet for our sakes became poor—He “gave everything.” He loves you and gave Himself— “gave everything”—for you.