

The First Epistle of JOHN

Chapter 5:14-21

“Do You Know?”

I) Do You Know that God Answers Prayer? (v14-15)

- How do we *ask according to HIS WILL!*

> FOUR KEYS TO ANSWERED PRAYER:

#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.*

#2- Let's Learn from Jesus- Matt 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 (Supercalafragilistikexpylladocious!). Amen.* Robert Law wrote, "Prayer is a mighty instrument, not for getting man's will done in heaven, but for getting God's will done on earth."

#3- Ask according to His Word- John 15:7-8 - *If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.*

#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")

- HERE'S SOME PRAYER KILLERS:

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

#2 - 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.*

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

#4 - Unresolved issues- Matt 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.*

#5 - Lack of faith- Luke 18:1-8

#6 - Full of Pride- Luke 18:9-14

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

- **One who turns from sinful practices (repents) and turns to Godly living!**

- **What do we do with a sinning brother?**

#1- *Intercede for them through prayer!*

#2- *Talk to them and encourage them to repent & return to the Lord Jesus Christ!*

- **What is this sin leading to death?** *It could be we "reap what we so" or it can also be "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.”

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

➤ **JESUS CHRIST IS THE TRUE GOD AND OFFERS 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?"*