

# TOUCHING ETERNITY

## Ask For Anything

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What compels me to pray?

Crises or difficulties. Desire to know God. Incredible promises.

What keeps me from prayer?

Busyness. Doubts. "Unanswered" prayer. Boredom. Limited understanding.

In a nutshell: I speak. He listens. He speaks. I listen.

### John 14:12-14

12 "Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. 13 And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it."

Context: Comfort. Encouragement. Obedience.

### John 15:16

16 "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you. 17 These things I command you, that you love one another."

Context: Relationship. Purpose.

### 1 John 5:14-15

14 "Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. 15 And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him."

Context: Obedience. Confidence. Alignment.

"We generally look upon prayer as a means of getting things for ourselves, but the idea of prayer is that God's holiness, purpose, and wise order may be brought about. Our ordinary views of prayer are not found in the New Testament." **Oswald Chambers**