



you asked for it.



I Tried Prayer and It Didn't Work

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1 I MUST LISTEN TO GOD FIRST

If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

JOHN 15:7 (NIV)

2 I MUST CONFESS MY SINS

If I had not confessed the sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened.

PSALM 66:18 (NLT)

People who conceal their sins will not prosper, but if they confess and turn from them, they will receive mercy.

PROVERBS 28:13 (NLT)

3 I CAN'T IGNORE GOD'S COMMANDS

...Pay close attention to what you hear. The closer you listen, the more understanding you will be given—and you will receive even more. To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them.

MARK 4:24-25 (NLT)

*It's about **P R O G R E S S** not **P E R F E C T I O N**

And we will receive from him whatever we ask because we obey him and do the things that please him.

1 JOHN 3:22 (NLT)

4 I MUST WANT TO BE IN **G O D ' S W I L L**

This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him.

1 JOHN 5:14-15 (NIV)

*God's Word Tells You **G O D ' S W I L L**

5 I MUST NOT **H O L D G R U D G E S**

*I tell you, you can pray for anything, and if you believe that you've received it, it will be yours. But when you are praying, **first** forgive anyone you are holding a grudge against, so that your Father in heaven will forgive your sins, too.*

MARK 11:24-25 (NLT)

...Watch out that no bitterness takes root among you for as it springs up it causes deep trouble, hurting many in their spiritual lives.

HEBREWS 12:15b (LB)

Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives and treat them with respect... so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

1 PETER 3:7 (NIV)

6 I MUST **E X P R E S S** MY GRATITUDE TO GOD

*God owes me **N O T H I N G**

Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 THESSALONIANS 5:18 (NIV)

...always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

EPHESIANS 5:20 (NIV)

If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person?

1 JOHN 3:17 (NLT)

And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong—you want only what will give you pleasure.

JAMES 4:3 (NLT)

7 I MUST NOT DRAW ATTENTION TO MYSELF

When you pray, don't be like the hypocrites who love to pray publicly on street corners and in (the church) where everyone can see them... But when you pray, go away by yourself, shut the door behind you, and pray to your Father in private. Then your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

MATTHEW 6:5-6 (NLT)

8 PRAY IN JESUS NAME

And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.

JOHN 14:13-14 (NIV)

Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

JOHN 16:24 (NIV)

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

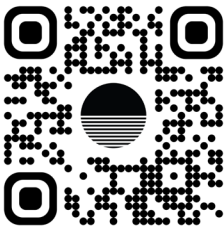
JOHN 14:6 (NIV)

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SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1 Pastor Jeremy gave us eight points to help with our prayer life. Out of the eight, which ones are easier for you to do, and which ones are a struggle for you?
- 2 The bible speaks about prayer and forgiveness going hand and hand. Why do you think forgiveness with people can impact our connection and prayers with God?
- 3 Have you ever prayed for something, and God answered it in a different way than you expected? Please share if you feel comfortable.
- 4 Read Luke 11:2-4. In your own words, what do you think are some of the key elements of Jesus' teaching on prayer, and why do you think those are important?
- 5 How can we be praying for you?



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Upcoming Events

- 08.14 | Grand Monday Nights
- 08.18 | Illuminate Women's Event
- 08.20 | Mission Trip Information Meeting
- 08.23 | Membership Dinner
- 08.27 | Sonshine Haven Information Meeting
- 09.06 | AWANA Begins
MOPS Begins