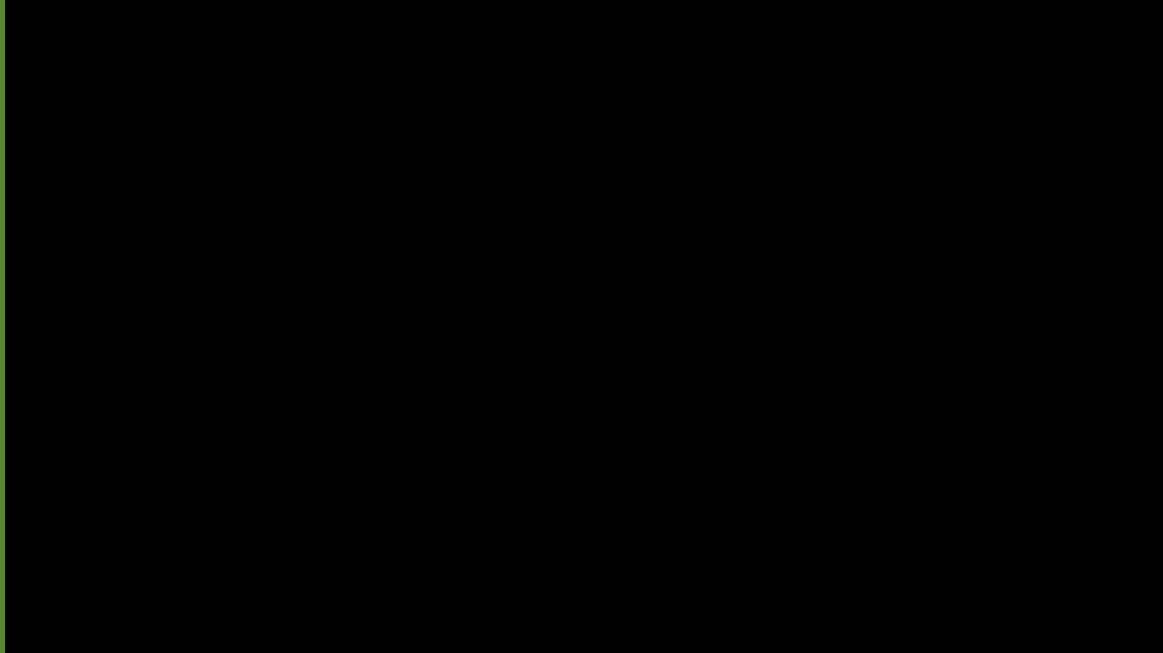




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1. LOCKJAW



Mark 10:46-52



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46 Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means "son of Timaeus"), was sitting by the roadside begging. 47 When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" 48 Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, "Son of David, have mercy on me!"

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49 Jesus stopped and said, "Call him." So they called to the blind man, "Cheer up! On your feet! He's calling you." 50 Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus. 51 "What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." 52 "Go," said Jesus, "your faith has healed you." Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

Matthew 7:7-8



7 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. 8 For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened.

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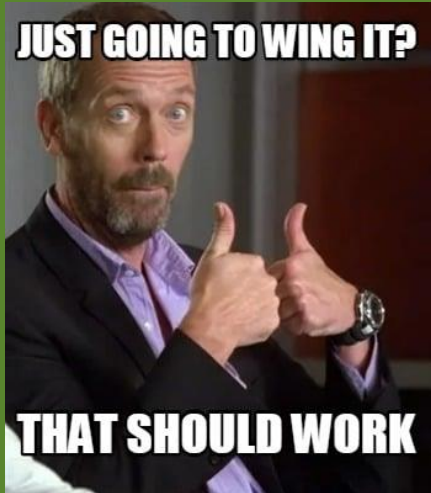
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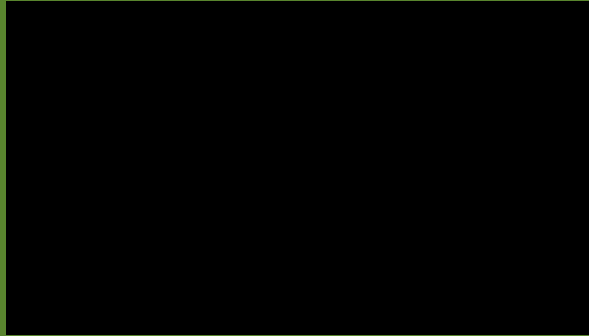
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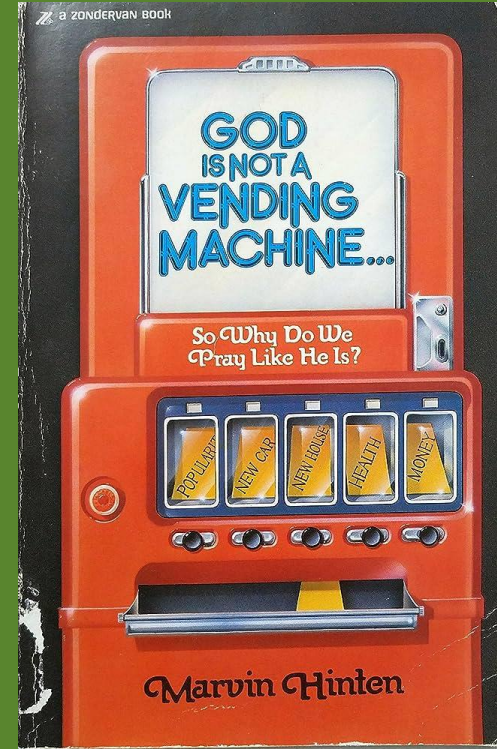
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4. USING HIM



James 4:3



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"When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures."

Matthew 7:9-11



9 "Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? 10 Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? 11 If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

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5. DEFYING



Isaiah 59:2



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Your iniquities have built barriers
between you and your God, and
your sins have made Him hide His
face from you.

Romans 6:15



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6 "What then? Shall we sin because we are not under the law but under grace? By no means!"

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6. DISCONNECTED LIVING



Proverbs 21:13

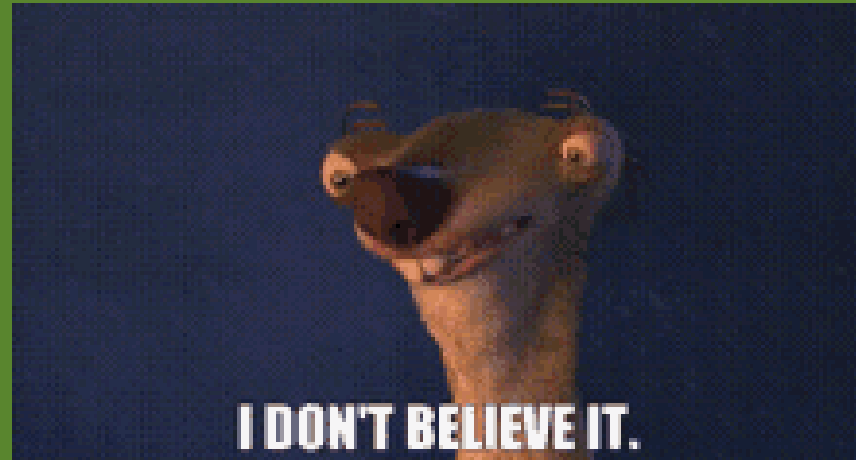


Those who shut their ears to the
cries of the poor will be ignored in
their own time of need.

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7. CYNICISM



Mark 11: 22-26



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22 "Have faith in God," Jesus answered. 23 "Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, 'Go, throw yourself into the sea,' and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. 24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. 25 And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins." [26]



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SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:



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1. What do you think is the difference between the prayer of a FAN and a FOLLOWER?
2. Which of the 7 reasons for a prayer shot block are you struggling with? (Lockjaw, Harshness at home, Winging it, Using Him, Defying, Disconnected Living, or Cynicism?)
3. If comfortable, share a prayer that you have asked God for where He answered:
 - a. YES
 - b. NO
 - c. NOT YET
4. Do you think you are currently on a desert road waiting for God to answer your prayers? Why do you think God hasn't answered your prayers yet?
5. Practice praying together tonight. First, recognize who you're talking to and humbly ask for God to help you align His will with yours.