

Why Didn't God Answer My Prayer?

Ever Wonder Why? Part 2

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“Whatever you ask in My name, I will do it so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask Me anything in My name, I will do it.”

John 14:13-14

The _____ of prayer is to _____ God.

The _____ of prayer is not to get God to do our _____, but to _____ us to His will.

1. Maybe you have a broken _____.

“Therefore I tell you, all the things you pray and ask for – believe that you have received them, and you will have them. And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven will also forgive you your wrongdoing.”

Mark 11:24-25

You relationships with _____ can impact your relationship with _____.

“So if you are offering your gift on the altar, and there you remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there in front of the altar. First go and be reconciled with your brother, and then come and offer your gift.”

Matthew 5:23-24

Husbands, in the same way, live with your wives with an understanding of their weaker nature yet showing them honor as coheirs of the grace of life so that your prayers will not be hindered.

1 Peter 3:7

2. Maybe you had the wrong _____.

You ask and don't receive because you ask with wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your evil desires.

James 4:3

3. Maybe you didn't _____

God would actually _____ it.

“But if you can do anything, have compassion on us and help us.” Then Jesus said to him, “If you can? Everything is possible to the one who believes.”

Immediately the father of the boy cried out, “I do believe! Help my unbelief.”

Mark 9:21-23

4. God may have something _____ planned.

Now this is the confidence we have before Him: Whenever we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears whatever we ask, we know that we have what we have asked Him for.

1 John 5:14-15

Concerning this, I pleaded with the Lord three times to take it away from me. But He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” Therefore, I will most gladly boast all the more about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may reside in me.

2 Corinthians 12:8-9

Why _____ praying then?

- to _____ Him intimately and to see His _____ more clearly

Genesis 18

“The Son is not able to do anything on His own, but only what He sees the Father doing.”

John 5:19

“But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you. Therefore don't worry...”

Matthew 6:33-34

* All scriptures from HCSB unless otherwise noted