Conditions of Answered Prayer Part 2

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INTRODUCTION

- Jesus promised, ask and it will be given to you. Seek and you will find, knock, and it will be open to you.
- I truly believe that if our prayers are not being granted, it's simply because we are not meeting God's conditions for answered prayer.
- In my studies, I have found at least five conditions for answered prayers.

1 Number Three: Pray in Faith

Mark 11:22–24; James 5:14–15; James 1:5–7

- Whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them.
- What he's talking about is God doing big things. As it were, moving mountains.
- We need to have faith even before the prayer is granted that it will be granted, if indeed it is the Father's will.
- The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up.
- Let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for he who doubts is like a wave of the sea driven and tossed by the wind.
- The thing to do is not to shrink your petitions to match your small faith. Grow your faith to match your large petitions.

2 Condition Number Four: Pray Fervently

James 5:16–18; 1 Kings 18:41–45; Luke 11:5–8

- The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.
- It just means that you mean it. You mean it when you pray. You're not just going through the motions when you do it.
- God heard his prayer because he was a servant of God who prayed fervently.
- I think persistence is a key element of fervent praying.
- We pray for something once, and we just say, Well, it didn't happen. I guess it's not God's will. Well, we shouldn't give up so easily.
- None of us have time, we make time. Jesus made time, and nobody was ever busier than Jesus.

3 Final Condition: Pray Genuinely

Matthew 6:5–8

- Is it possible for someone to pray fervently but not genuinely? Yes. Look at the Pharisees.
- When you pray, go into your room. And when you have shut your door, pray to your father who is in the secret place.
- If your motive is you want to be heard by men, then you have the wrong motive.

- There is a difference between earnest persistence and meaningless repetition.
- If we disengage our hearts from the matter and our minds, then all we're doing is we're just repeating words.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **So, brethren, do not get discouraged. Do not get this, you know, confused when your prayers go unanswered. Instead, make the necessary adjustments for your prayers to be granted.**

MY NOTES