

2. Read James 4:1-3. What does it mean to ask "amiss?"

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3. Read 1 John 3:21-23. How important are the Lord's commandments, what exactly are the things which are pleasing to God?

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4. Read James 1:5. Why is wisdom seemingly the first thing for which we are to ask the Lord?

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5. Read Hebrews 11:1-6. In verse 6 we see that God responds to faith. Give your description of faith.

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6. Read Philippians 2:9-10. Why and how is Jesus' name preeminent?

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sermon notes

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SERMON SERIES: HEARING GOD'S VOICE: MY WAY OR GOD'S WAY

TODAY'S SERMON: THE FIVE PREREQUISITES OF ANSWERED PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: JOHN 15:7 AND SELECTED

FIVE CONDITIONS OF ANSWERED PRAYER

1 You must have an honest relationship with God.

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If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.

John 15:7 (NKJV)

- Every promise in scripture has a premise.

THREE QUESTIONS ON HOW TO EVALUATE IF YOU HAVE AN HONEST RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

1. Do I have unconfessed sin?
2. Am I currently ignoring any of God's principles?
3. Do I really want God's will for my life?

2 You must have a forgiving attitude toward other people.

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Therefore I say to you, whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive *them*, and you will have *them*. "And whenever you stand praying, if you have anything against anyone, forgive him, that your Father in heaven may also forgive you your trespasses.

Mark 11:24-25 (NKJV)

- Unforgiveness will hinder your prayers.

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Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives,
and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with
you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.
1 Peter 3:7 (NIV)
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3 You must be willing to share results.

- This is the principle of generosity.

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Whoever shuts his ears to the cry of the poor
Will also cry himself and not be heard.
Proverbs 21:13 (NKJV)
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And whatever we ask we receive from Him, because we keep His com-
mandments and do those things that are pleasing in His sight. And this
is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son
Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.
1 John 3:22-23 (NKJV)
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4 You must believe that God will answer.

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If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liber-
ally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But 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. For let not that man suppose that he
will receive anything from the Lord;
James 1:5-7 (NKJV)
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God responds to faith.

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But without faith *it is* impossible to please *Him*, for he who comes to
God must believe that He is, and *that* He is a rewarder of those who
diligently seek Him.
Hebrews 11:6 (NKJV)
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5 You must ask in Jesus' name.

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Until now you have asked nothing in My name. Ask, and you will
receive, that your joy may be full.
John 16:24 (NKJV)
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You ask on the merit of Jesus Christ because of what He did on the
cross for you.

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Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes
to the Father except through Me.
John 14:6 (NKJV)
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For *there is* one God and one Mediator between God and men, *the*
Man Christ Jesus,
1 Timothy 2:5 (NKJV)
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Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name
which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should
bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the
earth, and *that* every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ *is* Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
Philippians 2:9-11 (NKJV)
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You really can't pray in Jesus' name unless you know Him as friend,
Savior, and Lord.

Question: Do you have an honest relationship with God through His
Son, Jesus?

study notes

1. Sin can affect our relationship with God according to 1 John 1:7-10. What
can we do about our sin?

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