

Five Conditions of Answered Prayer

1. You must have an honest relationship to God.

John 15:7 *"If you remain in Me and My words remain in you, you can ask whatever you wish and it will be given to you."*

a. Have I refused to admit things that I have done wrong in the past?

Psalm 66:18 *if I regard or cherish or try to hide sin in my heart the Lord will not hear.*

What do you do?

1 John 1:8 ... *However, if we confess our sins, He's faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness."*

b. Am I currently ignoring any of God's principles?

1 John 3:21-22 *"Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us we have confidence before God and we receive from Him anything we ask because we obey His commands and do what pleases Him. This is His command: To believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ and to love one another as He has commanded us."*

c. Do I really want God's will for my life?

1 John 5:14 *"This is the assurance 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 then whatever we ask we know that we*

have what we've asked of Him."

2. You must have a forgiving attitude toward other people.

Mark 11:25. And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him so that your Father in heaven may forgive your sins."

Hebrews 12:15 (Living Bible) "Watch out that no bitterness take root among you for as it springs up among you it causes deep trouble, hurting many in their spiritual lives."

3. You must be willing to share the results.

Proverbs 21:13 "If a man shuts his ears to the cry of the poor, he too will cry out and not be answered."

4. You must believe that God will answer.

James 1:6 "But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt

5. You must pray in Jesus Name.

John 14 "And I will do whatever you ask in My name so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask Me for anything in My name and I will do it."

John 16:24 "You've not asked anything in My name. Ask and you will receive and your joy will be complete."