

# Are Your Prayers Being Hindered?

We don't want Satan to hinder us from getting our prayers answered and receiving what we need from God. So, we need to periodically examine ourselves to see if our faith is lined up with the Word of God.

There was a time in my Christian life that I was unaware that I could do things that would hinder my prayers from being answered. It was my belief that when I prayed, if I got what I prayed for, God had said "Yes" to my prayer. If I didn't get what I prayed for, God had said "No." But the scriptural truth about the matter---whether we get our prayers answered or not---is that it depends more on us than **it does** on God!

When we pray the prayer of faith to God in the Name of Jesus, we are required by God to believe that we've received what we asked for. Then we are to do our best in faith, believing, to act as though we already have what we've prayed for. If we really believe we've received that we prayed for, we would not continually ask God for it.

Mark 11:24 says, **Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.** The Amplified version says, **For this reason I am telling you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe---trust and be confident---that it is granted to you, and you will get it.**

In praying the prayer of faith, we never use the phrase, "If it be Thy will." Praying "if it be Thy will" nullifies the prayer of faith. We can use the phrase, "If it be Thy will" in prayer when we're praying the prayer of consecration and dedication to dedicate our lives to serve the Lord, just as Jesus did in Matthew 26:39.

It is so important that we learn how to pray **effectively**. Jesus taught us in the Word that God wants to give us what we desire, want and need. But in order for us to receive from God, we must follow the guidelines that the Lord has given us. I've listed 7 Essential Faith Rules. They are scriptural

guidelines to assist you in praying the prayer of faith, as well as receiving anything you need from God, in Jesus' Name.

### ***SEVEN ESSENTIAL FAITH RULES:***

**RULE #1:** Faith believes that it has received what it has asked for: (Mark 11:24)

**RULE #2:** Faith never wavers or wonders; it patiently believes it has received: (James 1:5-8, Heb. 10:35-39)

**RULE #3:** Faith speaks of those things that don't exist as though they do exist: (Romans 4:17)

**RULE #4:** Faith never loses its confession that 'I believe I have received': (Hebrews 10:23)

**RULE #5:** Faith gives glory to God that it has what it has prayed for: (Romans 4:20, Philippians 4:6)

**RULE #6:** Faith walks in love; never in strife:

(Galatians 5:6; James 3:14 & 16)

**RULE #7:** Faith forgives everybody of everything:

(Mark 11:25-26, Matthew 18:21-35)

I look forward to sharing more with you tomorrow. Remember that God wishes above all things that you prosper and be in health, even as your soul prospers (3 John 2).

Your Word of faith pastor,

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