



## “Unanswered Prayers”

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### 6 reasons why God sometimes doesn't answer my prayers?

- 1) Our **RELATIONSHIPS** matter to God.
  - “When you stand **praying**, if you hold anything against anyone you should **forgive him**, so that your Father in Heaven may forgive you your sins.” Mark 11:25
  - “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
- 2) Our **MOTIVES** matter when we pray.
  - “When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with **wrong motives**.” James 4:3
- 3) The way we **LIVE** matters to God.
  - “The prayer of a **righteous man** is powerful and effective.” James 5:16
  - “The Lord is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayers of the **righteous**.” Proverbs 15:29
- 4) Our **FAITH** matters to God when we pray.
  - “But when he asks, he must **believe and not doubt** because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should **not** think he will **receive anything from the Lord**.” James 1:6-7
  - “Then he touched their eyes and he said, ‘According to **your faith**, it will be done to you, and their sight was restored.’ Matthew 9:29-30
- 5) God's **WILL** matters.
  - “This is the confidence that 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, whatever we ask, we know that we have what we asked of him.” 1 John 5:14
  - “Father, if you are willing, take this cup from me; yet **not my will, but yours be done**.” Luke 22:42
- 6) We must have an **HONEST RELATIONSHIP** with God thru Christ.
  - “We know that God does not **listen to sinners**. He listens to the Godly man who does **His will**.” John 9:31