

Series "Following After God"
"The Confident Prayer Life"
1 John 5:14-17
Study-16

Regarding The Practice of Prayer there are questions such as:

1. What is prayer?
2. Does prayer change things or does prayer merely change the one praying?
3. How should we pray?
4. What should we pray for?
5. Can we be sure that God always hears our prayer?
6. Can we be confident that He will answer it?

We will look at 2 areas in our study:

1. Verses 14-15 – Confidence In God’s Promise In Prayer

2. Verses 16-17 – Confidence In Intercessory Prayer

1. Verses 14-15 – Confidence In God’s Promise In Prayer:

1 John 5:14

External Witness: Water – His Baptism, Blood – Substitution on the cross, Holy Spirit – The Holy Spirit is the truth.

Internal Witness: 1 John 5:10

1 John 5:13

John Reveals 3 Facts about Our Confidence in Prayer:

1. The Source of Our Confidence: And this is the confidence which we have before Him,

confidence – “frankness of speech” or “unreservedness”
“boldness”; It speaks of one who has nothing to hide.

John has used this word 3X in his letter: 1 John 5:14

Confidence at the Second Coming: 1 John 2:28

Confidence in Judgment: 1 John 4:17

confidence – “childlike confidence that a believer approaches God”

John 14:13-14

Phil 4:13

Gal 4:6

Heb 4:16

Matt 6:9

2. The Substance of The Confidence: that, if we ask anything according to His will,

“God has not promised to answer merely because we asked. The Promise is Based Upon The Asking According to His will.”

Unconfessed Sin is an Obstacle to Answered Prayer - Psalm 66:18

Obstacle of A Husband Not Honoring His Wife: 1 Peter 3:7

Obstacle of Unresolved Matters Between Christians: Matt. 5:23-25

Must Abide in Communion With Jesus Christ: John 15:7

1 John 3:22.

Great Secret of Answered Prayer is Obedience: because we keep His commandments

The Secret of Obedience is Love: John 14:15

1. We Should Not Seek to Know Some Aspect of God’s Will When We know We are in Violation of His Known Will:
2. We Should Not Lay fleeces, Before God: Judges 6:36-40
3. God’s Will Does Not Mean, Freedom From Opposition:
4. God’s Will Is Not to Be Determined Through Bible Roulette:
5. God’s Will Is Not Determined Through Feelings, Emotions:

2 Cor 6:14

The phrase "Will of God," is used 434x in the Bible.

John 4:34

John 7:17

Rom. 12:2

1 Peter 2:15

3. The Security of Answered Prayer: 1 John 5:14-15

2. Verses 16-17 – Confidence In Intercessory Prayer:

1 John 5:16

James 3:2

We Are To Pray When A Brother Strays: he shall ask; This word Ask – “to beg, call for, crave, desire”

Intercession – “prayer, petition, or entreaty in favor of another” It is asking and seeking the favor of God on behalf of a person or persons.

Restore The Brother Who Strays: Gal 6:1

Numbers 15:30

Nadab and Abihu - Lev. 10:1-7

Korah - Num. 16

Achan - Josh. 6-7

Uzzah - 2 Sam. 6

Ananias and Sapphira - Acts 5:1-11

Some believers at Corinth died - 1 Cor. 11:30

Incest at Corinth - 1 Corinthians 5:1-5

Heb 12:5-11

The Ineffective Prayer: I do not say that he should make request for this. The word request - "to interrogate; to request, ask, beseech, desire, entreat"

Jer 7:16

James 5:19-20

Jude 22-23

1 John 5:17

All unrighteousness - "moral wrongfulness of character, life or act or iniquity, unjust"

Rom 14:23

Prov 24:9

James 4:17

1 John 3:4

Application:

1. The Source of Our Confidence: confidence which we have before Him,
2. The Substance of The Confidence: if we ask anything according to His will,
3. The Security of Answered Prayer: we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him.
4. Pray When A Brother Strays: he shall ask and God will for him give life to those who commit sin not leading to death.
5. The Ineffective Prayer: Prayer for the sin unto death