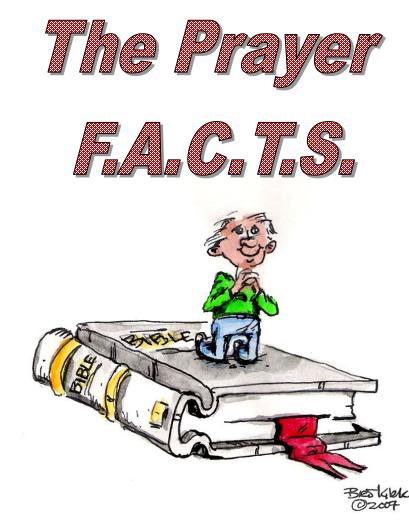


"Prayer is more than a wish; it is the voice of faith directed to God." Billy Graham

"When I pray, coincidences happen, and when I don't, they don't." William Temple

"In prayer it is better to have a heart without words, than words without heart." John Bunyan

"In regard to prayer, we are apt to be apologetic and apathetic, complex and confused; yet what a splendid audacity a child has, and **that** is what our Lord taught **us** to have." Oswald Chambers



THE ISSUE FOR US ISN'T HOW MUCH WE KNOW ABOUT PRAYER; THE ISSUE IS HOW MUCH WE PRAY!

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Factors To ENHANCE Our PRAYING

There are at least TWO NEGATIVE factors :

1. BAD MOTIVE - Jas 4.3

You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions. James 4:3 (ESV)

2. NOT ASKING - Jas 4.2

You desire and do not have, so you murder. You covet and cannot obtain, so you fight and quarrel. You do not have, because you do not ask. James 4:2 (ESV)

We may note at least FIVE POSITIVE factors :

1. GOD'S WILL - I JN 5.14-5

And this is the confidence that we have toward him, that if we ask anything according to his will he hears us. 1 John 5:14 (ESV)

2. BELIEVING - Jas 1.5-8

If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. James 1:5-8 (ESV)

3. OBEYING - I Jn 3.22

and whatever we ask we receive from him, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. 1 John 3:22 (ESV)

4. ABIDING - Jn 15.7

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. John 15:7 (ESV)

5. PERSISTING - Mt 7.7, Lk 18.1

Keep on asking and it will be given you; keep on seeking and you will find; keep on knocking [reverently] and [the door] will be opened to you. Matthew 7:7 (AMP)

And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart. Luke 18:1 (ESV)

The Prayer F.A.C.T.S. The KEY to better prayer is PRAYING!

1. **F** is for FAITH

Our faith is the basis for all our praying. Without faith it is impossible to please him - Heb 11.6 All things are possible to him who believes - Mk 9.23

2. A is for ADORATION

Let us begin by worshipping and praising our Lord. You shall love the Lord your God - Mk 12.30 I will praise You O Lord - Ps 57.9

3. C is for CONFESSION

Let us confess our neediness and His grace. Whoever confesses ... (his sins) will have mercy - Pr 28.13 Jesus Christ is Lord - Phil 2.11

4. **T** is for THANKSGIVING

Let us express our gratitude. *Give Thanks unto the Lord - 1 Chron 16.34 It is good to give thanks - Ps 92.1*

5. S is for SUPPLICATION

Let us make our requests of the Lord.

Supplications, prayers, intercessions and giving of thanks be made for all men - 1 Tim 2.1 Let your requests be made known unto God - Phil 4.6