

Quick Facts on Prayer Pastor's Desk – June 23, 2024



John 15:7: *“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.”*

The Lord Jesus, in His wisdom, demonstrated to us that through prayer we can access what would not otherwise come to us. He understood the natural laws, yet He still said: “...**whatever you ask the Father in My name He will give you.**” **John 16:23.** This power is within each of us, connecting us to God’s divine plan.

Our prayers must be for the glory of the Father. We should consider if our requests will bring glory to God, as this is the purpose for which our Savior lives and intercedes. **John 14:13** *“And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”*

It should always be in the name of Christ, which represents His Nature. Our prayers should never be focused on our nature, but on aligning ourselves with Christ’s nature. Simply mentioning Christ’s name at the end of our prayer won’t do; His Spirit should infuse every part of our request.

Bearing fruit is not just a suggestion, but a must: **John 15:16** “You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should remain, that whatever you ask the Father in My name He may give you.” Our answers to prayer are not solely dependent on our requests, but also on our ministry to others. If we live for God’s purpose and the coming of His Kingdom, we may ask for whatever is necessary for our endeavor.

Our strength lies in abiding in Christ. When we do, the Holy Spirit produces desires and petitions like those which Christ presents to His Father. **John 15:7**: “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you.”

This connection to Christ is our source of security and strength in prayer.

At His service,
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