

**Topic: The Value And Importance of Prayer
(Part III-Obstacles to Answered Prayer-Why Prayers Go Unanswered)
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II Chronicles 7:14.

Some of the "asking/receiving" texts of the New Testament.

Matthew 6:5-13

Matthew 7:7-11

Matthew 18:19

Matthew 21:22

Mk. 11:24

John 14:13-14

John 15:7

John 15:16

John 16:23-26

Eph. 3:20

James 1:5-8

James 4:2

I John 3:21-22

I John 5:14-15

"It is as if the NT writers wished particularly to encourage men to pray."

II Chronicles 7:14

**Five Conditions for God to answer the prayers of His people
(Five Obstacles to answered prayer)**

Both the OT and NT warn of hindrances to prayers being answered

A. For God to respond powerfully, affirmatively and regularly to our prayers, we must pray with the right motives and for the right purposes. The motive must be the glory of God and the purpose the furtherance of His earthly and eternal kingdoms. We cannot pray selfishly. Our prayers must be in accordance with God's will.

James 4:1-3

Mk, 10:35-40

John 15:16

Matt. 26:36-46; Mk. 14:32-42; Lk. 22:40-46.

I John 5:14-15

Schonweiss says, "The NT repeatedly makes the point that the prayer which God hears must be the right kind of prayer. When the Scriptures encourages man to pray to God, it is assumed that those praying will have a God-orientated attitude. This is what constitutes true prayer. Prayer must be in keeping with the nature of Him to whom it is addressed, in which case our requests will be well-pleasing to God and in accordance with His will To ask God means to ask something from Him right and good."