

Series: The Power of Prayer

THE SECRET OF ASKING AND IT BEING DONE

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Introduction:

Someone has said, “Prayer is the natural out gushing of a soul in communion with Jesus. As the leaf and fruit come out of the vine branch without any conscious effort and simply because its living union with the stem, so prayer buds and blossoms and fruits out of souls abiding in Jesus.”

Note the secret of asking and that which we ask being done.

1. INTIMATE CONDITION

John 15:7

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This comes by:

A. Obedience

- We cannot bear fruit without obedience.

John 15:4-5

⁴ Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; no more can ye, except ye abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

It is possible for a carnal Christian to produce “works,” but only the spiritual Christian can bear lasting fruit.

- We cannot be His friend

John 15:10-15

¹⁰ If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love. ¹¹ These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full. ¹² This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.

*¹³ Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴ **Ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you.** ¹⁵ Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord*

doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you.

Not only must we be obedient but also there must be an:

B. Observance

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The second part of the condition of this promise is that we abide in the Vine by having His Words abide in us. Not only MUST His Word be remembered but also they must remain in us as a LIVING PRINCIPLE.

The secret of asking and that which we ask being done involves an Intimate Condition but also:

2. INCREDIBLE CONFIDENCE

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Note:

A. The Promise Given

When we abide in Him we can have an INCREDIBLE CONFIDENCE. It is vain for us to expect to have POWER IN PRAYER if we are not abiding in HIM and His Word is abiding in us!

We have POWER IN PRAYER when the Lord's Word sinks deeply within us and make its abode in our hearts.

Note not only the Promise Given but also:

B. The Purpose Gained

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The secret of asking and that which we ask being done involves an Intimate Condition and an Incredible Confidence but also:

3. IMMEASURABLE CONSEQUENCES

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When we are abiding in Christ:

A. Prayers Are Unhindered

When we abide in Christ we will offer prayers that are in accordance with His will.

This abiding means “to renounce any independent life of our own, to give up trying to think our thoughts, or form our resolutions, or cultivate our feelings, and simply and constantly look to Christ to think His thoughts in us, to form His purposes in us.

When we do this, and in so far as we do this, our prayers will obtain that which we seek from God.

Such prayers will always be in harmony with God's will.

Remember unhindered prayers are:

- Whatever is according to the will of God
- Whatever is for the glory of God
- Whatever is true to the Word of God

Not only are prayers unhindered but also:

B. Potential is Unlimited

There is no limit to what God can and will do for us and through us when we are abiding in Christ and obeying His Word.

The problem is that many believers do not abide in Christ fully so their prayers are hindered and their potential is limited.

Close:

Do you have power in prayer? If we are going to strive together for the faith it must be done through prayer.

Power in prayer comes from an intimate condition, an incredible confidence, and the results will be immeasurable consequences.

Are you abiding in Him? If you are you will ask according to His will.