

BEING SPECIFIC...WHEN YOU PRAY.

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1 John 5:14-15-KJV

14 And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

15 And if we know that he hear us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him.

1. WHEN PRAYING: YOU HAVE TO ASK IN THE RIGHT WAY, IN AGREEMENT WITH, GODS PROMISES.

Ask - *“aiteo” ahee-teh'-o* - means to be adamant (unwavering) in requesting and even demanding, or being serious when it comes to assistance in meeting the need. The word **ask-aiteo** is often used to portray a person addressing a superior.

Luke 18:2-8-Passion

2 “ In a certain town there was a civil judge, a thick-skinned and godless man who had no fear of others’ opinions.

3 And there was a poor widow in that town who kept pleading with the judge, ‘Grant me justice and protect me against my oppressor!’

4– 5“ He ignored her pleas for quite some time, but she kept asking. Eventually he said to himself, ‘This widow keeps annoying me, demanding her rights, and I’m tired of listening to her. Even though I’m not a religious man and don’t care about the opinions of others, I’ll just get her off my back by answering her claims for justice and I’ll rule in her favor. Then she’ll leave me alone.’”

6 The Lord continued, “Did you hear what the ungodly judge said— that he would answer her persistent request?

7 Don’t you know that God, the true judge, will grant justice to all of his chosen ones who cry out to him night and day? He will pour out his Spirit upon them. He will not delay to answer you and give you what you ask for.

8 God will give swift justice to those who don’t give up. So be ever praying, ever expecting, just like the widow was with the judge. Yet when the Son of Man comes back, will he find this kind of persistent faithfulness in his people?”

2. WHEN WE PRAY: WE NEED TO BE SPECIFIC ABOUT WHAT WE NEED.

petition - *aitema- ah'ee-tay-mah* - it denotes a specific, exact, explicit, precise, detailed request.

“And if we can be confident that God hears us, regardless of what we ask or what physical or tangible need we may want Him to meet for us, we can be sure that we will have a ‘yes’ to the specific, exact, explicit, detailed requests that we desired of Him.”

Hebrews 4:16

Let us then fearlessly and confidently and boldly draw near to the throne of grace...

What do you want God to do for you? Can you express it in clear and explicit terms? Are you so clear on the subject that you could write it on a piece of paper and submit it to God as an official “petition”? Write down the requests you want to present to God.