

WHY DOESN'T GOD ANSWER MY PRAYERS?

¹³ You can ask for anything in my name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. ¹⁴ Yes, ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it!

John 14:13 - 14

4 POSSIBLE REASONS WHY GOD DIDN'T ANSWER YOUR PRAYER.

1. Maybe I have broken relationships.

Mark 11:24 – 25; 1 John 4:20; Matthew 5:23 – 24

⁷ In the same way, you husbands must give honor to your wives. Treat your wife with understanding as you live together. She may be weaker than you are, but she is your equal partner in God's gift of new life. Treat her as you should so your prayers will not be hindered.

1 Peter 3:7

2. Maybe I have impure motives.

James 4:3; Proverbs 16:2

3. Maybe you don't believe God will do it.

²¹ How long has this been happening? Jesus asked the boy's father. He replied, since he was a little boy. ²² The spirit often throws him into the fire or into water, trying to kill him. Have mercy on us and help us, if you can. ²³ What do you mean, 'If I can'? Jesus asked. Anything is possible if a person believes. Mark 9:21 - 23

4. Maybe God had something different in mind.

¹⁴ And we are confident that he hears us whenever we ask for anything that pleases him. ¹⁵ And since we know he hears us when we make our requests, we also know that he will give us what we ask for.

1 John 5:14 – 15

- **God had something different in mind for Paul.** 2 Cor. 12:7
- **God had something different in mind for the three Hebrew men.**

¹⁵ I will give you one more chance to bow down and worship the statue I have made when you hear the sound of the musical instruments. But if you refuse, you will be thrown immediately into the blazing furnace. And then what god will be able to rescue you from my power? ¹⁶ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego replied, O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you. ¹⁷ If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God whom we serve is able to save us. He will rescue us from your power, Your Majesty. ¹⁸ But even if he doesn't, we want to make it clear to you, Your Majesty, that we will never serve your gods or worship the gold statue you have set up.

Daniel 3:15 - 18