

Q & A Sunday Part 3 - June 3, 2018 - John Uberbacher

Question: Why does God sometimes not answer prayer?

There are many reasons why God does not answer prayer. One of the main reasons is a no brainer it is because of sin.

1 Peter 3:12 - "For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

How many of you when your child is misbehaving and asks you for something will tell your child that they must first stop being bad before you will answer them. If they don't stop right away then the answer will be no. We are Gods children and he will not reward our disobedience. His goal is for us to grow up into the spotless Bride of Christ.

I believe another main reason is unbelief or lack of faith. For example praying for someone to be healed. We may believe that God can do it but we do not believe that he will use us to do it.

Mark 9:14-32 - unbelief, fasting, fear

If you struggle with unbelief then ask God to help you overcome your unbelief.

Sometimes God is going to require you to fast first.

Sometimes we don't pray because we are afraid of what Gods answer will be.

1 Cor 13:4-7 "Love is patient...always hopes, always perseveres."

God is testing us so that not only our faith but also our love increases.

1 Peter 3:7 - "Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers."

Do you clean up after yourself or just make a mess and then expect your wife to clean it up? Do you expect her to drop what she is doing to wait on you because what you are doing is more important than what she is doing? Do you speak kindly to her or do you just criticize her?

James 4:3 - "When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures."

This scripture I believe God did answer the prayer but He said no. Sometimes God will grant us our desires but we must be able to accept it when he says no. We need to examine our own motives why are we praying about this? Are we asking to end the consequences of a sin? Are we not content with what God has provided?

1 John 5:14-15 - "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us - whatever we ask - we know that we have what we asked of him"

There have been times when I have asked God a question and He is silent. I wait for an answer even sometimes for a day or two but still no answer. Finally I learned that I was not asking God the right question it was not the question that He wanted to answer. It was the question that according to my will that I wanted God to answer. When I asked God what was the question that He wanted me to ask and then asked He answered it right away. Most of the time it was to correct the way that I was thinking. If he had answered my question then I would have gone off into the weeds because I was totally wrong. I had made some wrong assumptions so the question itself was wrong. Sometimes I was thinking in the natural and not considering the supernatural. My thinking was too small and God wanted me to think bigger. He is renewing our minds. Seek the Lords will first He knows what we need even more than we do.