

Teach Us How to Pray

Question: Why doesn't God answer my prayers? I asked Him to give me understanding, but I never get it.

Answer: A man praying for understanding without "**due process**" is like a man who has a barn full of seed praying for a harvest. **He is asking to pick fruit from a tree that does not exist.** "Due process" in this example is preparation of the ground (the heart and mind) and planting of the Seed (the Word of God, which is the words or pearls of Wisdom), and thereafter tending the field while the Seed grows.

The tending and the care of a growing child must never stop at any time until he is of age -- until harvest. Even then, if the harvest is not gathered into the barn, the fruit will spoil on the vine. Understanding comes with Wisdom, but Wisdom is not known by one who is not of a mature age. A wise father would not give the keys to his car to a five-year-old child. Neither does our Heavenly Father "give" Understanding to a growing, nursing child.

Due process **begins** with preparation of the ground, and it **ends** when the harvest is in the barn. When the first Seed is planted, it is said to be **Knowledge-without-Wisdom**. When the seed is quickened and it produces a tree (body) out of itself, the tree is the substance of the seed and it is called "Wisdom, the Tree of Life." There can be no fruit whereby to get Understanding if there is no Tree of Wisdom to produce the fruit, whose seed of Understanding is in itself.

Praying for Understanding without due process is not in accordance with the manner in which the Law of Life works. The "seed" of the man (knowledge) produces the tree, but the tree produces her fruit wherein are pearls (or words) of wisdom. The seed of the man (knowledge) mixed together with the "egg" (wisdom) of the woman, produces fruit with understanding.

When the harvest is produced and gathered, and the fruit is eaten, one will find the Seed (Knowledge) for planting the next generation in the fruit. ***The Seed or Word of Understanding is Knowledge that is found in the fruit (or the harvest) out of the first Seed.*** Proverbs 2:2-5 says: "*So that thou incline thine ear unto wisdom, and apply thine heart to understanding; Yea, if thou criest after knowledge, and liftest up thy voice for understanding; If thou seekest her as silver, and searchest for her as for hid treasures; Then shalt thou understand the fear of the Lord, and find the knowledge of God.*" A man will **never** be able to understand Spiritual Law without **due process** of the "Seed" out of which it is produced.

We are told that when we pray according to the Will of God, that God hears us -- and if we know that He hears us, then we are assured that we will receive the thing we prayed for (1 John 5:14-15). There are two conditions here that must be met ***if we will know that***

we have the thing we have asked of God. First, we pray in line with His Will (which is according to His Word), and next we are required to *know* that we have been heard.

The only reason prayers are not answered is that they fail the test. How can one pray according to the Will of God if he does not know the Will of God? How can he know the Will of the Father if he does not know His Word? *If one does not have an “ear” to hear the voice of the Spirit of God, how can he “hear” His Word and receive His counsel, and thereby know his Will and pray accordingly?*

Our Father is Spirit, therefore one must commune with “Spirit” in “Spirit,” *through* the Words of Truth. When we pray according to the Will of God, we are in *agreement with His Will*, for we are *one with* the Father. When our prayers are, *“Father, I have come to do Thy will; Thy Will be done in the earth, “through my works,” as it is in heaven, “by Your works,” we shall have whatsoever we say!*

The way of the Lord (Spirit) is made very clear to one who will seek to know the Father’s Will. One who has no “love for Truth” will have no desire to please the Father, because the Father is Truth! One who has no love for Truth will never know Truth, and therefore he can never be sure his prayer has been heard or if his hope for an answer is in vain. He can never have confidence that God is pleased with him, therefore he will continue living his life under condemnation and guilt. Sad to say, most of the time this is the case -- and people wonder why their prayers are not answered!

Our prayers should never be for “fruit” (Understanding) before we have brought forth Wisdom (the “tree”). Rather, our prayers should be for the Word (Seed) of Truth to be planted within us, and for a heart and mind that is willing to work to bring forth the harvest out of the Word we receive.

Some time ago, I heard the following question asked of a prominent television minister seen worldwide: “Why does God answer some prayers and not others?” His answer was as follows: *“I don’t know”* -- and this was quickly followed by a list of excuses, none of which were correct.

If a world-wide television minister who for years has taught hundreds of millions of people, cannot answer such a simple question about *what the Bible (and therefore God) says regarding prayer* -- and how we should pray in order to receive an answer -- is it any wonder why the people who follow these ministers are so weak, confused, and ignorant concerning the Law of Spirit and their relationship with God?

Galatians 3:24-25 says that the Bible is *a schoolbook!* The “teacher” tells all to study the book! *But few even read the book, much less “study” it.* Most religious people look to their religious leaders to *tell them what the book says.*

Just as in the example above, when most religious leaders are asked such important questions, they really do not know much more than the one who is asking the question. Yes, the leader or minister may be able to “quote” more Scriptures and tell more Bible

stories, or even crack a few more funny jokes about certain characters of the Bible -- **but how many really know what the schoolbook is saying?** More importantly, how many follow the instructions given “by the Book” -- and even more importantly, how many have a real desire to **know its Author?**

There are far too many preachers and leaders who still have nothing more to feed their flock than Bible quotes (hear-say), and they tell of the experiences of **other** men of the Bible. The Bible tells all of us to **grow up** and have **our own personal experience with our Heavenly Father** to produce **our own** harvest! No one should tell “Bible stories” and parrot others for thirty, forty, fifty years, or more! The Bible is a **schoolbook** to bring all men **to Christ!**

I must now ask this question: How long is it going to take for those who say they are “**called and sent by God**” to **come to Christ?** One who has come to Christ means one has come to the **Light of the Word**, or we can say that **the “seed” has risen up out of the ground and it now is a growing tree.** He has come to the Living Word, by revelation. “Coming to Christ” means the Word in him is **alive**, and he is **increasing in the light and spirit of his mind by the Substance of Truth daily.** And he continues to increase until he is walking in the fullness of Light and Truth. See Isaiah 2:5, 1 John 1:7, and Revelation 21:24. A man is “called” before he “comes to Christ” (revelation), but no man is “sent” until after he has received the Light of Truth!

Ephesians 3:19 says: “*And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God (Light of Truth).*” Jesus said in John 8:12, “*Then spake Jesus again unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in darkness, but shall have the light of life.*” **No darkness means no death -- no dead and dormant seed remaining buried in the grave (mind) within you.** When **you** have no more darkness in you, the “schoolbook” has come alive! The Seeds of Faith of the fathers of old and the Seed of the Son of David (the Love for Truth) has risen in you, and you live -- **because they live!**

He who is alive in Christ has come to Christ the Light. Not only has he come to his “**death,**” but also to his “**resurrection.**” The Day Star has risen in him and he is no longer “**dead in sin,**” which means **the dead letter of the Word.** As he grows and increases in Wisdom, he will no longer think and behave like a child. He will no longer have “need” of the “schoolbook” because it has “**brought him to the Light (Christ).**” He has eaten the flesh of dead men (the fathers), but they now live in him by the Spirit of resurrection and the power of Life.

When a Seed that has been planted in the ground is quickened and it is raised or lifted up out of the earth into the light of day, it is no longer buried in the cold, dark grave. **This is how the dead are raised!** When a man has planted in his heart the words of the fathers who were before him, that are contained in the letters that are written to a seeker of Truth (the church), **in due season the Spirit of Christ will “come upon him” and quicken the words of Faith, raising them up out of the garden of his heart. The buried Words**

(Seed) of Truth will burst into the Light of Life; then Christ and all who were dead in Christ are raised in you!

A Seed (Word) that has ***not been planted*** cannot be raised up, however. All the Words of Truth that are written in the “schoolbook” are Seeds that came out of the hearts and minds of our forefathers when they were moved by the Spirit to speak and write them. These are the “seeds” of the fathers who died in the first Faith (flesh). One who prepares the ground of his heart and mind, plants these Seeds, and continues to watch over them after they are planted ***WILL experience the resurrection of them at the appearing of the Lord***. He will “see” the Light of Truth in the Living and Risen Word of Christ by Divine Revelation.

The first “appearing” of the Lord (the Spirit) is when He comes (breathes) ***upon*** an individual -- not when He comes to make His abode ***in*** him! These are two different times of visitation of the Spirit.

He who has the Spirit (the Lord) abiding in him will then be as those who are alive in Christ, and he will have the Light of Truth in him. He will no more need the doctrines of men (the schoolbook) to teach him, for the Spirit of the Risen Christ will teach him all things! By fulfilling his “due process” he now walks and lives by the light of the words of Christ shining upon his path!

This man, by his own labor of love, has brought forth fruit out of the seed that was a “gift” to him! As he is led by the Light of Truth and he continues in the way that he is predestined to go, ***he will reach the Father’s House, wherein he will get Understanding.***