

CONFIDENCE IN PRAYER
(1 John 5:14-15)

I. THE BASIS OF FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD (1 John 1:1-2:27)... is learning to Abide In God's Light.

II. THE BEHAVIOR OF SONSHIP WITH GOD (1 John 2:28-5:21)... is learning to Abide in God's Love.

- A. Abiding In Him In Light of His Coming (2:28- 3:3)**
- B. Heeding His Command to Love One Another (3:4-24)**
- C. Discerning the Spirits (4:1-6)**
- D. Walking In Love (4:7-21)**
- E. Being Over-comers in the Christian life -- by Faith (5:1-5)**
- F. Having The Assurance That We Know We Are Saved (5:6-13)**

G. Confidence In Prayer (5:13-14)

- What is prayer?
- What does this word *confidence* (parrhesia) mean?

1. *Conditions* for "effective prayer" include: (James 5:16b)

a. Being a _____ man! —**saved by grace**-- being on _____ terms with God!

b. God delights to answer the _____ of His children.... when they...

1) Just _____ —“*you do not have, because you do not _____*” (James 4:2)

2) **Ask** with the right _____ —“*you ask & do not receive because you ask _____, that you may spend it on your _____*” (James 4:3)

3) **Ask** in _____ — “*all things you ask _____ you shall receive*” (Mt 21:22); “*For without _____ it is impossible to please God*” (Hebrews 11:6)

4) **Ask** based on the _____ of God's _____ —“*if you _____ in me and my words _____ in you, ask whatever you wish and it shall be done unto to you*” (John 15:7)

5) **Ask** that the Father may be _____ in the Son -- “*And what ever you ask in my name, that I will do, that the Father may be _____ in the Son*” (John 14:13)

6) **Ask** in the _____ of the _____ —“*Most assuredly, I say unto you, whatever you ask the Father in My _____, He will give you*”. (John 16:23)

7) **Ask** based on the power of the _____ —“**Praying** always with all prayer and supplication ____ the Spirit” (Ephesians 6:18)

8) **Ask** without _____ —“*Then He spoke a parable to them, that men always ought to **pray** & not to _____*” (Luke 18:1)

9) **Ask** according to _____ —“*This is the confidence we have in Him, if we ask anything according to His will, He _____, And we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the _____ that we have asked of Him*”
(1 John 5:14-15)

- How do we know the “will of God”?

2. Knowing God’s will & believing prayer _____ things!! Some *examples*:

- a. Paul asking the _____ (Colossians 4:2-4)
- b. King Hezekiah seeking _____ from Assyria’s domination (2 Kings 19:1-4, 6-7, 8-20, 35-37)
- c. Jonah’s prayer from the _____ of the _____ (Jonah 2)
- d. Jesus for His—disciples & church age believers (John 17: 9, 14-15, 20-24)
- e. Mothers praying for their _____ children.

3. Effective Prayer and _____:

- a. Through **prayer**, workers are _____ & _____ to God’s harvest (Mt 9:37-38)
- b. Through **prayer**, doors of opportunity are _____ and clarity & boldness are _____ for preaching the _____. (Colossians 4:2-4; Ephesians 6:18-19)
- c. Through **prayer**, the word of God is _____ & glorified! (2 Thessalonians 3:1)
- d. Through **prayer**, God’s servants are _____ from unreasonable and wicked men (2 Thessalonians 3:2)
- e. Through **prayer**, greater _____ are accomplished. (John 14:12-14)
- f. Through **prayer**, _____ for evangelism are brought about. (1 Timothy 2:1-6)

- What about the right posture for prayer?

4. Praying in God’s will, according to His word, gives us the confidence that our petitions are heard & will be _____ in God’s _____ !

- What does all this mean to you?