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*“Call unto Me and I will answer  
thee, and show thee great and mighty  
things which thou knowest not.”*

*(Jeremiah 33:3)*





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## Introduction

“Prayer Like Pizza” is a collection of over forty writings addressing the subject of prayer.

Once we understand how prayer works, we learn how easy it is to receive from the Lord the direction and guidance that we seek, as well as the solutions to our problems.

God answers prayer, pure and simple.

And to get those answers it is as easy as ordering a pizza!

“All things that ye shall ask in prayer, believe  
that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.”  
(Mark 11:24)

## PRAYER LIKE PIZZA

People trust Pizza Hut more than God. People believe in Pizza Hut more than in God's Word. How is that?

You make a phone call, place your order, hang up and wait for the doorbell to ring. You don't keep calling and calling and calling them over and over and over again! How ridiculous would that be?

Yet that's what people do to God. They pray for something, then they keep asking and asking, begging and pleading as if God were deaf.

To make things worse they will often get everyone they know on board begging and pleading, often for days or weeks or years at a time!

All of their praying isn't a sign of great faith. It is a sign of their great disbelief.

God isn't deaf. He heard them the first time. They aren't waiting for God to answer: God is waiting for them to start trusting!

So, next time you pray, do as you do with pizza... Pray for it once. Then wait with quiet assurance until your doorbell rings!



## A MYSTERY

People ask how, if God is a spirit, can we talk to Him as if He were a person? God is in fact the loving spirit behind our universe. But at the same time we have access to Him, His power and His blessings through prayer, or meditation if you prefer.

This is simply one of the many wonderful mysteries of God. This is just another one that has to be experienced to understand.

As they say, “The proof is in the pudding!”

“Taste and see that the Lord is good.” (Psalms 34:8)



## WHY PRAY?

I really don't understand how prayer works, but I do pray to God.

To some people it may seem a little crazy, talking to an invisible being. But the best way I can explain it is: When I pray, coincidences happen. And when I don't pray, they don't. Or not as many.

I talk to God as a friend. God is my friend. Throughout the day I tell Him things, ask Him things. And He guides me. He helps me.

That's why I talk to God.

He'll do the same for you!



## DON'T HANG UP!

Most people seem to think that prayer is talking to God and letting Him know what they want and think. But prayer is really more about hearing what God has to say to us.

We can begin by talking to the Lord, telling Him our concerns and worries. But the time should come when we stop talking, and instead of hanging up on Him, give Him a chance to speak.

Samuel in the Old Testament had it right when he said, "Speak Lord, for thy servant heareth."

We all have two ears and one mouth. And that's the proportion we should use them in when it comes to prayer. If we do we won't be disappointed.

God does answer prayer. And He WILL answer yours. But you're going to have to quiet your own spirit first and,

**LISTEN** to what He has to say!

"The Lord speaks in a still, small, voice." (1 Kings 19:12)





## THE BEAUTY OF SILENCE

Isn't the world getting noisy!

Some people seem to surround themselves with noise. They live with the radio blaring, or they have the television on all day long and even through the night while they sleep.

All that non-stop noise!

People go to the country, to a park, or to the beach, and they have to take their noise with them.

It seems like some people have forgotten the beauty of silence, the wind blowing through the trees or the waves on the sea shore. No wonder they have trouble hearing the voice of God.

God speaks in a calm, gentle voice. He whispers to your heart if you bring a quiet to your own spirit and truly want to hear.

But you'll never hear God speaking if you live in a world of constant noise and confusion.

Get quiet before Him, and He WILL speak.  
Hear ye Him!

“Be still, and know that I am God.” (Psalm 46:10)



## LEAN ON HIM

People say they prayed, but God didn't answer them.

It's not that God didn't answer: It's just that the answer is on the way, and they haven't seen it yet! It's that simple.

God always answers prayer.

His answer may not always be exactly what we have in mind, but the day will come when we will see that He knew better, He wanted the best for us, and that's what we got!

God is trying to teach us to trust Him instead of our own natural reasoning. Don't doubt.

He wants you to lean on Him.

“Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him and He shall bring it to pass.” (Proverbs 3:5-6)



## GOT A MINUTE?

You wake up in the morning, and what's the first thing you do? Most people jump right into their day.

But if you will just take a few minutes to seek the Lord, if you will make time to talk to Him, you will find that your days will begin to take a different shape.

And if, throughout your day you take little pauses to touch base with the Lord, you will not only have greater peace, but you will also be more productive.

God is more willing to give than we are to receive. But He never forces anybody. God doesn't guilt trip anybody.

He waits for us patiently, and is always there to respond to our needs, if we will but let Him.

Start the day off right...

By first seeking the Lord!

“My voice shalt thou hear in the morning, O Lord; in the morning will I direct my prayer unto thee, and will look up.”  
(Psalms 5:3)



## WHAT TO DO?

Sometimes you find yourself with a problem or in a difficult situation, and you want so badly to find the solution, or have the answer. You just don't know what to do.

Well, the Bible says, "Seek the Lord, call upon Him." (Isaiah 55:6)

Now the key word here is *seek*. When we look to God for guidance, and have no will of our own, He answers.

Sometimes God answers "yes". And sometimes He answers "no". And yet other times God answers "wait".

He always shows you what to do; even if sometimes He tells you to stop everything and do nothing and wait. Time has a curious way of solving problems.

God will answer your prayer if you will but stop, take a pause, and in quietness and calmness of spirit seek Him.

He always answers the hungry heart.

"Call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not." (Jeremiah 33:3)



## WHEN NOT TO PRAY

I have never been one who prays for hours or even days on end for something as if God didn't hear me.

I do pray, and I absolutely do believe in the power of prayer, and there's a time and place for everything, but sometimes I feel big long prayers, instead of being a sign of faith, are a sign of a LACK of faith.

I know God hears me the first time and I just don't feel any need to ask Him again and again as if He were deaf.

God loves you and hears you the FIRST time.

Believe it and thank Him for the answer even if you don't see it immediately.

Then, get busy doing something else until you do!

“When you pray use not vain repetitions as many do, for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not like them: for your Father knoweth what things you have need of before you ask Him.” (Matthew 6:7-8)



## NOT HOW GOD WORKS

People say they prayed for healing and nothing happened. People pray for more money, another job, a mate. They pray for world hunger, for a change in government, for some disaster to cease. The list goes on.

People pray for many things and then when they don't happen they blame God. People treat God like some kind of Santa Claus who goes around giving gifts to those "good enough".

But that's not how God works. You have to do your part. You have to meet God's conditions. You have to put Him FIRST in your life.

"Seek first the kingdom of God, and everything else shall be given you." (Matthew 6:33)



## WALKING WITH GOD

People talk about God as “doing things” in their lives. They talk about God “giving” them things. And although this is true in one context, this can be misleading.

I like to think of it like this: When we are in tune with God, things just flow in our favor. We find ourselves at the right places and at the right times for positive things to happen in our lives.

Good things come to us effortlessly. “Coincidences” happen: real miracles that bring us joy and confirm to us that we are on the right path.

This is the effortless result of walking with God... and living a life of love.



## BUSY ALL THE TIME

A lot of people stay busy. They are always working, going, rushing, doing. They rarely take a break and would have you believe that God wants them to be that way.

But all of this endless motion isn't of God. Instead of getting closer to Him they are keeping Him away with all of their frantic self effort.

God lives in the quiet place, in stillness, and calm. And to get closer to Him we have to cease from our own labor, our own works, and quiet all the noise.

God doesn't force anyone. *You've* got to stop everything, get calm, and come before Him with an open mind and a yielded spirit. And stop being so busy all the time!

When you do, you will find the guidance and direction that you seek in your life.

“Better is a handful with quietness, than both the hands full with travail and vexation of spirit.” (Ecclesiastes 4:6)





## THE FORMULA

God blesses us to the degree that we let Him guide our lives. And we let Him guide our life to the degree that we seek His guidance.

We seek His guidance to the degree that we surrender our own wills to His.

This happens to the degree that we get down in prayer, specifically and verbally articulating our needs to Him, then waiting for His answer.

That's the formula.



## LETTING GO

When we let go, we open ourselves to seeing possibilities that we didn't see before. But when we hold on to preconceived ideas of how things are, of how things ought to be done, we go no further. We solidify.

When we realize that we don't know, when we realize that we don't have all the answers and stop and seek the Lord's mind, we open ourselves to more truth. We open ourselves up to God being able to work in our lives.

That's when we find solutions. That's when we find the peace that comes from letting go.

“They that seek the Lord understand all things” (Proverbs 28:5)



## **TAKE CHARGE!**

All of this noise. All of this non-stop confusion. It's enough to drive anyone crazy. Some people live in a never ending state of confusion. It's a wonder they get anything done.

It takes discipline, self discipline to stop everything and focus. But that's the only way we can be productive and feel better with ourselves.

Take charge of your thoughts. Take charge of your mind.

Take charge of your life!



## **GIVE HIM A CHANCE**

If you pray, if you talk to God and tell Him your problems, and then stop and be quiet, and wait for Him to answer... He will.

But many people don't wait long enough to hear Him. They are in too much of a hurry. So they leave without a blessing. They leave without God's answer to their problem.

YOU have to get out of the way before God can assist, strengthen, lead and guide you.

If you do, God will do mightier things than you can ever do. God will do greater things than you imagined. Give Him a chance!



## **ARE YOU BORED?**

Are you bored with your life? Are you bored with the people and things around you?

Life isn't easy, especially when there is little change and you find yourself stuck in a never ending routine that defines your days.

The only solution is to cry out to the Lord for His help. The only solution is to cry out to Him to show you the way out of your monotony.

Looking down will keep you on a bumper. It will kill you. Looking up and connecting with God will open a world of possibilities.

Look up... and live!



## QUITE SIMPLE

We often talk about God answering our prayers. Or not. But this can be misleading.

Once we shed the Santa Claus image of God portrayed by organized religion we can begin to understand how it works.

Being in tune with the Lord puts us uniquely in tune with the entire universe. It places us in the right situations, with the right people, and in a wonderfully effortless fashion things begin to click. We receive His answers... and His blessings.

It's really quite simple!



## JESUS' EXAMPLE

We all know the feeling. We wake up, many of us before dawn. We start our day rushing, getting dressed, grabbing our breakfast, rushing out the door. We catch buses or subways on our way to work, to school or to do any one of our daily activities.

Jesus arose before dawn, went into a solitary place and prayed. Jesus knew He wouldn't have the strength or the grace to cope with the day's problems without first getting in tune with God.

So when you wonder why things are not going the way you'd like them to...

Think about His example.



## ONLY A MOMENT

Taking time out from our normal activities and daily events to spend time with the Lord is never time wasted. God wants our time more than anything, and if we give Him that, He will bless it.

We should all have moments of reflection and seeking the Lord: times when we ask God what areas we need to make progress in, what character faults we need to work on; times to let the Lord make us vessels more fit for His use. These should be times to take stock of our lives, apologize to anyone we've wronged, and seek forgiveness of those we've hurt.

Throughout the ages God's men and women have found that no matter how busy they are, if they take time for the Lord, God will do His part and make them more productive in everything they do.

You never lose by putting God and His Kingdom first... Above all the other things we think we need to do.

It takes *only* a moment.

“They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength.”  
(Isaiah 40:31)





## WHAT WILL IT TAKE?

Isn't it funny how whenever there's illness or a natural disaster, people pray?

When the going gets rough, people who otherwise wouldn't be caught praying, cry out to God for His protection and help.

Problems, illness, and bereavement are the only times some people look to the Lord.

The sad part is, they are missing out on so much by not seeking His help and guidance during the good times.

What will it take to get *you* to pray?

If you are already close to the Lord, you have nothing to worry about.

“As long as he sought the Lord, God made him to prosper.”  
(2 Chronicles 26:5)



## NEED HELP?

Do you know why some people don't hear from God? Because they are lazy. They prefer to have others tell them what to do. They want someone else to give them the solution to their problem.

It's hard work sometimes hearing from God. You have to make a real effort. You have to quiet your own spirit, stop all your feverish activity.

In short, you have to get yourself out of the way for God to be able to get through, because God speaks in a small, quiet, firm and loving voice. But if you don't quiet your own spirit you'll never be able to hear Him!

Other people can't solve your problems. No one else can fully understand the scope of your situation.

So, instead of looking to people to help you, get alone in prayer, bring a hush to your own spirit, wait for His answer...

And you will get it!



## STOP TRYING

It seems like one of the main lessons in life is learning who to help, how to help, and more importantly sometimes, when not to try to help!

We have all felt the frustration of wanting to help someone, of trying to help them, but not being able. We feel we possess useful knowledge or wisdom from our experience in some particular area but are not able to impart it to them because of their lack of receptivity or openness. This is one of the sad things in life.

At times like these, often the only thing we can do for them is pray.

It takes trust in God to believe that our prayers are heard, and that they are, in fact, more powerful than anything else we could ever do for them sometimes.

God is real. Discover the power of prayer!



## **AS HE SEES**

We see things differently from how God sees things. We only see what WE want. And what we want may not be the best thing at that moment.

God is working on all of our hearts. He wants us to learn to see things as He does.

And sometimes God's way up... is down.



## MANY WAYS

God speaks in many ways.

God can speak through His Word. Sometimes when you are reading the Bible all of a sudden a particular passage may stand out to you. And you just know that at that specific moment in time it is the answer to something you were asking God about.

God may speak through family, a friend or neighbor, sometimes without them even realizing it.

God can speak in funny ways. Maybe you hear a few words in passing by someone on the street, and something clicks: You know it was for you. God can speak through a song, a poem, anything. God can speak to us any way He wants.

The Bible says He even spoke through an ass one time. Read it! (Num. 22:20-35)

Stay close to the Lord and sensitive to His voice, and He will speak to YOU!

“God answers anywhere, any time. Every time we believe.”



## HIS STAMP

Most people, sad to say, don't really want to do God's will. Most people want to do their own.

Most people have their own agenda and only want God to give His stamp of approval to what they are already doing.

But for those who surrender their own will, God will move mightily. To those few who are willing to put Him and His Work first, God will put them first. God will show His power and His protection to them like to no others. God will protect them and provide for them.

And the day will come when God Himself shall exalt them and honor them. They will be glad they put Him first.

Then they WILL have God's stamp of approval!



## CLEANING HOUSE

We all have to do dirty laundry. We all have to brush our teeth. We all bathe.

We wash, we scrub, we shave. We keep clean to take care of our bodies, our health, our well being. If not, we get ill. We get stinky. We lose friends.

The same holds true for us spiritually. We get yucky if we are not cleaning ourselves regularly by making time for the Lord.

You will be unpleasant to be around if you do not take time to think about Him and bathe yourself spiritually with inspiring things from His Word.

Time for a scrub?

“Now ye are clean through the Word which I have spoken unto you.” (John 15:3)



## THE WORD

You have to live in God's Word if you want His power and blessings.

Just talking about God doesn't do it. Neither does just praying.

It is His Word that brings life, strengthens, and sustains. If you read it, memorize it, and follow its light you will grow in the wisdom and knowledge of God.

If you don't know where to start, begin with the New Testament.

Read it slowly, prayerfully.

Let it cleanse you, wash you, and free you from old mindsets that would keep you down.

God's Word is TRUTH and it is LIFE.

And it alone is the secret to His power, His blessings, and everything you want in life.

"Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path."  
(Psalms 119:105)





## WHO'S WAITING ON WHO?

Many people say they wonder why they are here on earth. They say they are waiting for God to show them.

They are waiting for God to give them some big sign, a flash of lightning or something. But they aren't doing anything meanwhile.

God doesn't work that way.

God doesn't want you to just sit around doing nothing. He wants you to get busy and be a blessing to someone else.

We are here to be a channel of God's love.  
We are here to serve others.

It is when we get busy doing what we can do, that we put ourselves in a position where God can start moving. And, little by little, His path for our life becomes clear.

God is only waiting on YOU!

“For we walk by faith, not by sight.” (2 Corinthians 5:7)



## HOW WE SEE GOD

You can tell a lot about where a person is at spiritually by the way they pray.

Some people pray to God as if He were high and lofty and distant. They see God as strict, rigid, formal, and far away.

That describes their relationship with God.

Others pray to God like they would talk to a dear friend. They feel relaxed, comfortable, and at home with Him. They see God as someone close, someone who is always there for them. That describes their relationship with God.

Yes, you certainly can tell a lot about where a person is at spiritually, by the way they pray.

“How far away God seems to you is a measure of the distance YOU have put between yourself and God.”



## ALONE WITH HIM

If you don't want to go to church, don't go. If your kids don't want to go, don't make them. Jesus never said to build church buildings, and He certainly never said we had to go to one. So if church bores you, if you feel you don't get anything out of church, don't go!

Jesus said that we should worship God in spirit and in truth. That means anywhere. It doesn't have to be in one of their buildings.

However...

DO seek the Lord some place, at some time. Get alone with Him. Tell Him your problems. Tell Him your dreams. Talk to Him like you would a best friend.

Then do the above with your wife, family, lover or brother. Pray for guidance and you will get it. Pray for wisdom and God will give it. God WILL answer you. God WILL supply your need!

Prayer works! He is more willing to give than we are to receive.

It's when we get alone with Him in prayer that we put ourselves in a place where we can receive His abundance.



## ONE STEP AT A TIME

You come to points in your life sometimes when you feel you're not going to make it.

Maybe you have debts. Maybe you're overworked, or have problems with your spouse, children, or neighbors. Your car is in the garage, or maybe you don't even have one. Problems seem to surround you, and you see no solution.

Life can be overwhelming at times. But God gives us power for the hour, strength when we need it and not before. He will never forsake us.

The secret is to take it one day at a time.

We may not always see the full path ahead of us, but God is always faithful to show us the next step. If we get alone sometime, someplace, and seek the Lord, He will give us the grace.

And He will always show us what to do, one step at a time.

"This poor man cried, and the Lord delivered him out of all his troubles." (Psalms 34:6)



## WHEN WE DON'T KNOW

What is prayer?

It's not telling God what you want. It's finding out what God wants.

It's creating an empty place in your heart, and wanting God to fill it. It's realizing you don't know, and acknowledging that you need Him.

It's when you want an answer, and come to God with no will of your own, and no preconceived ideas of how things should be. You are open to Him and whatever His will may be for you.

God doesn't answer when we think we have the solution, but when we know we don't!

When we know that we don't have the answers...

That's when God will answer!

“We know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us.” (Romans 8:26)



## **STOP THE NOISE!**

Sometimes we don't know what to do.  
Sometimes we don't know where to go.

Life is full of uncertainties, surprises, curve balls, and detours. And so much noise!

We often feel lost, or at least not sure as to which course of action to take.

At times like these we must make a real effort to not lean to our own understanding, but to get down to business with the Lord, and seek His solutions in prayer.

God always answers the hungry heart. God never fails to show the way. But we've got to first stop all the NOISE, get quiet...

And wait for HIS answer!

“Ye shall seek Me, and find Me, when ye shall search for Me with all your heart.” (Jeremiah 29:13)



## LIKE WATER

Many people keep God out of their decision making process. No wonder they fail. They cause themselves needless pain.

They may listen to God once in a while, and then He helps them. He solves their problem, or gets them out of some mess.

But they forget Him quickly, and the next time around they go ahead without Him and they fail. They don't learn.

God wants to help us in our daily lives, but we have got to let Him.

His Holy Spirit is like water. It flows to the lowest places. And it's when we realize we don't have all the answers that He has a chance to work in our life.

When we seek God's help He answers.  
Not before.

“Seek the Lord and His strength. Seek His face continually.”  
(1 Chronicles 16:11)



## GOD'S MYSTERY GAME

People think that serving the Lord is drudgery and hardship and abstinence, and “Oh no, having to pray” having to “read the Bible” and whatever.

But that's not it. It's loving Jesus, and letting Him lead and guide our lives. And that's like a mystery. It's kind of like a computer game, where maybe you go a little way, and then you say, “Oh oh, I'm lost. I don't know what to do. I need a clue now.” So you stop, you get a clue and continue the game.

Serving the Lord is like an adventure, with Him showing us the path of life each step. And there are little treasures along the way, rewards and things.

It's like a big puzzle and we're detectives with our magnifying glasses looking for clues.

Yes, the Lord loves a mystery. He likes to see us trying to figure things out, and seeking His guidance and leading. He is there for us throughout our lives just waiting to assist us any way He can.

And with His help, we will win the game!

“Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom of God.” (Mark 4:11)





## IT'S ALWAYS FOR THE BEST

God always answers prayer.

Sometimes He says “yes”, others “no”. And then there are times when He wants us to wait.

God answers prayer but not always in the way we think He should.

People equate God answering prayer with them getting what they want. God may not always give you what you want. But He does always give you what you need.

Every time I've wanted one thing and God gave me something different, the day eventually came when I saw that God was right. I realized God had given me something better, something that I, due to my nearsightedness was unable to see at the time.

God will deny no good thing from the man or woman who puts Him FIRST in their life.

Everything works out for the best, in the end!

“The Lord will give grace and glory: no good thing will He withhold from them that walk uprightly.” (Psalms 84:11)



## IT'S EASY!

Praying is not hard. Praying is talking to the Lord, and more importantly, listening to Him.

You can pray wherever you are throughout your day. You don't have to go somewhere special or get down on your knees to be heard.

Sometimes you talk to God like a friend, maybe even out loud. Other times you can just turn your thoughts into a prayer. It doesn't have to be an audible prayer. Either way, God hears you. He knows. He cares.

If you place prayer high on your list of priorities... God will place you high on HIS list of priorities!

“Seek ye the Lord while He may be found. Call ye upon Him while He is near.” (Isaiah 55:6)



## LET GOD SOLVE YOUR PROBLEMS

We are all so busy these days.

Sometimes we feel overwhelmed with the demands our jobs, families, and even friends place on us.

But if we make an effort to seek the Lord's strength, if we get quiet in prayer before Him, we will find that we will be more productive. We will end up getting more done.

We will be putting ourselves in a position where God can show us a different perspective to our problem, and a solution that we didn't see on our own. Other times we find that when we make time for the Lord, our problems seem to have a way of solving themselves!

His ways are not our ways. To find His ways, we have to let Him have His way.

And the way we do that...

Is by stopping everything, and seeking Him!



## **GOD HEARS YOU**

It is a common belief nowadays that the more people you have praying for a specific thing, the more likely God will answer you.

But God isn't deaf. You don't have to be down on your hands and knees praying frantically to be heard.

God hears the silent prayer of one little child of His as well as He hears the screaming of a multitude. He's big enough to rule the universe, yet small enough to live inside your heart!

Jesus said, "Ask and you shall receive. Seek and you shall find." God hears each of our prayers, and He hears yours. God cares.

God DOES answer prayer!



## LIFE GETS BETTER

Life can be rough at times, but as we go along some things do get better. Not everything remains the same.

We leave some things behind and we move on to new things. We gain new experiences. We learn to roll with the punches. We grow in wisdom. As we grow older we become more tolerant, more understanding.

We come to realize that with the Lord leading us, guiding us, and teaching us...

Life gets better!

“Forget those things which are behind and reach forth unto those things which are before.” (Philippians 3:13-14)





## **A SIMPLE PRAYER**

Lord, open my mind, open my heart and open my eyes that I may see the bigger picture, Your greater plan, and how I fit into it.

In Jesus' name, amen.

## **HEARING FROM GOD IN THREE EASY STEPS!**

**1. Come into God's presence in prayer, with quietness of body and spirit, and with a clean heart.**

We must come to God in quietness of mind and spirit. We will never hear from the Lord as long as we are in the midst of physical as well as mental noise and confusion. We have to stop everything else and get quiet.

Be open to anything God may want to show you. If your mind is made up about something, you need to let it go. We can't be holding anything back from the Lord when we come to Him.

Nor can we be holding on to any unconfessed sin in our hearts. The Bible says, "If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me." (Psalms 66:18)

For example, if you have something against someone in your household, maybe you should go to them and try to make things right between you. That sort of thing. At least give it a try.

So you have come to God in prayer with quietness of spirit and with a clean heart...

The next step is:



## **2. You must have no will of your own and be open to whatever God has for you, whatever that may be.**

As long as we think we have all the answers God will not answer. God *cannot* answer.

He WILL guide us, if we seek His help. But we must seek it willingly and unconditionally. He never forces us to do anything.

So, it is when we have no will of our own and realize that we can't do it, that God shows us.

Ok. You have come to God with quietness of spirit, you have no will of your own, and are open to whatever God has for you... now,

## **3. Accept the first thing that comes to mind as from God.**

That first impression, thought, words, or idea is God. When you ask God for an answer, expect Him to answer and believe that the first thing that comes to mind is from Him.

As long as you are empty, as long as you know that you don't have the answer and create an empty place in your heart God will fill it. He will show you the solution to your problem, the words to say, or the next step to take, whichever the case may be.

That first thing that comes to you when you cry out to Him is of the Lord and it will encourage

your heart. It will guide you back to His will if you have gotten sidetracked, or it will keep you in His will if you are already there.

### *Summary*

**1. Come to God in prayer with quietness of spirit and with a clean heart.**

**2. Have no will of your own. Be willing to accept His answer whatever it may be.**

**3. Accept the first thing that comes to mind as from God. That first impression, thought, words, or idea is from the Lord.**

THIS is how to receive from God.

Ask God to show you how these three points work. Ask Him to teach you to hear from Him.

These things at first may seem a little fuzzy, but as you try them God will show you how it works.

Just remember, God always speaks FIRST. Then the devil will try to come in and make you doubt what God has said.

Resist the temptation to over-think it, analyze it, question it, or delay in obeying it. Don't listen

to him! Don't doubt what God has said.

As you put into practice these guidelines God will lead you, provide for you, and make you a blessing to many.

Our God is alive and He still speaks today. He gives the very best to those who seek Him and put Him first!

Hearing from God is EASY!

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“Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.” (Luke 11:9)

“Whatsoever ye ask in My name, that will I do.” (John 14:13)

“If ye abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.” (John 15:7)



## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, which art in Heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name.

Thy kingdom come.

Thy will be done, on earth as it is  
in Heaven.

Give us this day, our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as  
we forgive those who trespass against  
us.

And lead us not into temptation.  
But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom, and  
the power, and the glory, forever!

Amen.



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