



CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: MINISTRY TO ME

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely; and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be preserved blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thessalonians 5:23

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TEXT: 1 JOHN 5:14, 15
ROMANS 8:26, 27

TITLE: I'M PRAYING, BUT IT FEELS LIKE GOD IS NOT ANSWERING

INTRODUCTION

- A. No one likes to feel ignored _____
- B. Does God ignore people? _____

PRAY IN GOD'S WILL (1 John 5:14, 15)

- A. Our confidence is in him _____
1. Confidence = the absence of fear in speaking boldly / confidently
 2. Hebrews 4:16, ¹⁶ *Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.*
- B. What is the Process? _____
1. I ask according to God's will
 2. God hears me
 3. Since God hears me, I know I have what I asked for
 4. Why? Because it was in His will
 5. If it is not in His will, He is not hearing it
- C. Question: Is God obligated to honor what is not in God's will? _____

PRINCIPLE: SINCE IT IS IN GOD'S WILL, GOD ALREADY HAS IT IN THE FUTURE, WAITING FOR ME TO ASK FOR IT

HOW DO I KNOW WHAT GOD'S WILL IS FOR ME?

PRAY IN THE SPIRIT (Romans 8:26, 27)

- A. We have weaknesses in our praying because we do not know for what we should pray _____
- B. God provides for us the Ministry of Intercession _____
1. Intercedes =
 2. The Holy Spirit intercedes in our spirit
 3. Hebrews 7:25
 4. Jesus intercedes in Heaven v. 34
- C. What is the Process? _____
1. God knows what is in my heart [God searches the hearts? (1 Chronicles 28:9; Revelation 2:23)]
 2. God knows what is in the mind of the Spirit
 3. God knows what God's will is
 4. The Spirit knows the will of God [the Father]
 5. I listen for the Holy Spirit to instruct me in my praying
 6. The Holy Spirit gets in between me and my prayers, and assists me in lining them up with the will of God

PRINCIPLE: IF THE SPIRIT GIVES ME SOMETHING FOR WHICH TO PRAY, GOD IS ALREADY IN THE FUTURE WATCHING IT HAPPEN...