

Praying Great Prayers

John 14:13-14; Matthew 7:11

Janet and I have a couple of friends who had an interesting stand off in life. Friend #1 was experiencing a great and prosperous time in His business. Friend #2 was trying to establish His business. Friend #2's business was such that he needed to wear dress shirts daily, but he was extremely hindered from making the investment needed to purchase a boat load of suits. Friend #1 said to friend #2, "I have opened an account for you at a local store. You may go in any time you need to and buy suits for yourself, there is no limit." Friend #1 never bought one suit because he felt *weird* about taking the blessing.

We are like this with the Lord. He doesn't simply challenge us to dream great dreams and make great plans, but he challenges us to pray great prayers because we are His masterpieces.

I. Our heavenly Father is delighted to give _____ gifts to those who ask him.

A. When our kids ask for great things from us, we _____ in it.

1. Pray for _____ decisions.
2. Pray for _____ needs.
3. Pray for _____ doors.
4. Pray for _____
5. Pray for _____ matters.
6. Pray for _____.

II. Prayer is not conquering God's _____, but taking hold of God's willingness.

A. God already knows our _____ and plans.

1. He doesn't say, " _____ me, or convince me."
2. He simply says, " _____ me."
3. When we ask, we must place ourselves into a pattern of _____.

III. God challenges us to draw on His infinite resources by asking Him in Jesus name for _____ that would glorify God.

A. Isn't this our ultimate _____ anyway?

1. Glorifying prayers are prayers that ask for. . .

- a. A _____ marriage.
- b. A _____ job.
- c. A _____ future.
- d. _____ to be saved.
- e. A wonderful _____ with Him.

Conclusion

1. When you pray, do not hesitate to ask the Lord for something. _____?
2. What is one of the greatest things that God might be willing to do for you? Have you _____ Him yet?
3. Ask the Lord to work through you for His _____.