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DEEPER IN PRAYER

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John 15:7-8 “If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.”

Three Steps to go Deeper in Prayer

1. Abide in God.

John 15:7 “If you abide in Me...”

**The purpose of prayer is
communion with God.**

James 4:2-3 “You don’t have what you want because you don’t ask

God for it. And even when you ask, you don't get it because your motives are all wrong - you want only what will give you pleasure."

Psalm 103:7 "He revealed His character to Moses and His deeds to the people of Israel."

**Are you seeking God's face, or
only seeking His hand?**

Philippians 4:6 "Pray about everything. Tell God what you need and thank Him for all He has done."

Psalm 66:18 “If I regard wickedness in my heart, the Lord will not hear.”

Romans 2:4 “His kindness is meant to lead you to repentance.”

Matthew 5:45, “For He gives His sunlight to both the evil and the good, and He sends rain on the just and the unjust alike.”

**If you only seek God's hand,
you will miss His face.**

**If you seek His face, you will get
His hand also.**

Psalm 106:14-15: “They only cared about pleasing themselves in that desert, and provoked God with their insistent demands. He

gave them exactly what they asked for - but along with it they got an empty heart.”

Psalm 84:10 “A single day in Your courts is better than a thousand anywhere else! I would rather be a gatekeeper in the house of my God than live the good life in the homes of the wicked.”

2. Align with God’s Word.

John 15:7 “...and My words abide in you...”

1 John 5:14-15 “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that

He hears us - whatever we ask - we know that we have what we asked of Him."

John 6:63 Jesus said, "The very words I have spoken to you are spirit and life."

Hebrews 1:3 "God's Son has all the brightness of God's own glory and is like Him in every way. By His own mighty word, He holds the universe together."

Romans 10:17 "Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

**Prayer doesn't change God.
Prayer changes US.**

Matthew 6:10: "Your kingdom come: Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Mark 14:36 "'Abba, Father,' Jesus cried out, 'everything is possible for You. Please take this cup of suffering away from Me. Yet I want Your will to be done, not Mine.'"

Sometimes we think God has not heard our prayers, when the truth is, we haven't heard His answers.

3. Accomplish God's Plan.

John 15:7 "...you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."

John 15:8 “By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.”

John 14:12-14 “I tell you the truth, anyone who believes in Me will do the same works I have done, and even greater works, because I am going to be with the Father. You can ask for anything in My name, and I will do it, so that the Son can bring glory to the Father. Yes, ask Me for anything in My name, and I will do it!”

**The World has yet to see the
great things God will
accomplish through you when
you go deeper in prayer!**

Ezekiel 47:9 “Life will flourish
wherever this water flows.”

Memory Verse: John 15:7 “If
you abide in Me, and My words
abide in you, you will ask what
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