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10 - How to Get What You Pray For
1 John 3:19-24; 1 John 5:14, 15

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"It is not to be imagined that He who has helped us in six troubles will leave us in the seventh." (Charles Spurgeon)

1 John 3:21-24 "Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God ²² and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. ²³ And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. ²⁴ Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us."

1 John 5:14-15 "This is the confidence we have in God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that he hears us--whatever we ask--we know that we have what we asked of him."

- I. To get results in prayer begins with asking out of a **clear conscience**. (1John 3:21-22)

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- A. What does it mean to have a condemning heart?
- B. We pray more with our **lives** than our words.
1 John 3:22 "...and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey His commands and do what pleases Him."
- C. Get yourself into a position where your heart is **free** to ask. (1 John 3:21-22)

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- 1. Deal honestly with all **known** sin in our life.
 - a. *Isaiah 59:1-2 "Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor his ear too dull to hear. ² But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear."*
 - b. *Psalm 66:18 "If I regard iniquity in my heart the Lord will not hear me."*

- 2. Let your motivation rise above **selfishness**.

*James 4:3 "When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with **wrong** motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures."*

- 3. Ask out of a **relationship** with Him. (1 John 5:14)

1 John 5:14 "This is the confidence we have in God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us."

1 John 3:22 "...and (we will) receive from Him anything we ask, because we obey His commands and do what pleases Him."

- II. Pray according to the **Will** of God. (1 John 5:14-15)

- A. *1 John 5:14-15 "This is the confidence we have in God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. ¹⁵ And if we know that He hears us whatever we ask we know that we have what we asked of Him."*
- B. *John 14:13-14 "And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. ¹⁴ You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."*

"In Jesus' Name" means after His **purposes**.

- C. Do you know what God's will is for your life? God's will for your life is the very best thing that could ever take place for you. Romans 12:2 says that the will of God "is that good, and acceptable, and perfect will of God." But, God's best

