

# Faith and Prayer

**TEXT:** Matthew 7:7-11; 9:27-30; 1 John 5:14,15

**SUPPLEMENTAL SCRIPTURES:** Mark 11:24; 1 John 3:22

**KEY VERSE:** 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

Prayer brings one into the presence of the highest, holiest, and most powerful Being in the universe.

Prayer not accompanied by faith is an exercise in futility (Hebrews 11:6). Faith embraces God's promise by action as well as by word. True faith and prayer cause the Spirit to make intercession for the petitioner, producing results in accord with the will of God.

1. What three words did Jesus use to encourage people to pray? How does each of these words apply to faith when we pray?

2. What results can be expected when following Jesus' directions?

3. What factor or element enters into successfully seeking for God? See Matthew 21:22. Has this factor always been an essential ingredient? Explain.

4. "Have faith in God," Jesus said in Mark 11:22. Where does faith come from? See Romans 10:17.

5. In our Matthew 9 text, Jesus asked the blind men, "Believe ye that I am able to do this?" Why do you think Jesus asked this question?

6. Read the account of the healing recorded in John 9. Jesus told the blind man: "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam." What part did faith play in this healing?

7. How can Christians be sure that they will receive an answer from God?

8. How are the promises in Mark 11:24 and 1 John 5:14,15 similar?