

Dear God...

#2: Why isn't God answering my prayers?

Problem #1: Wanting something more than God

Hebrews 11:6 *And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him.*

Solution: Remember God is the only real treasure

1 John 2:15 *Do not love this world nor the things it offers you, for when you love the world, you do not have the love of the Father in you.*

Matthew 6:33 *Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.*

Problem #2: Not letting yourself be known

Luke 7:24 *I never knew you.*

Solution: Cry out to God in honesty

Psalms 107:6 *Then they cried out to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress.*

Problem #3: Not believing God will do anything

Matthew 13:58 *And he did not do many miracles there because of their lack of faith.*

Solution: Pray with faith and expect to see God work

a) What do I believe about His power?

Numbers 11:23 *(God) Is there a limit to my power?*

b) What do I believe about His love for me?

1 Peter 5:7 *Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*

c) Thank God before you see Him do anything

John 5:17 *My Father is always working, and so am I.*

A Simple Prayer Formula

Develop the habit of praying 5 minutes a day

P – Praise God for who He is and what He's done. Thank God for at least 10 things.

R – Repent of any wrong thoughts, attitudes or actions. Tell Him you are sorry and ask for His help.

A – Ask! Ask God to move the mountains in your life and in the lives of others. Buy a notebook. Write "ASK" at the top of the page. Put a date by everything you are asking and make the request VERY specific so you will know when God has answered it. Then put a date by it when He does answer it and watch your faith grow.

Y – Yield your future to God. Tell Him that you want His will to be done. Create a page in your notebook and write the word "Seek" at the top. Then ask God questions and tell Him you are seeking His will on your key decisions.

"Now God designed the human machine to run on Himself. He Himself is the fuel our spirits were designed to burn, or the food our spirits were designed to feed on. There is no other." CS Lewis

"And out of that hopeless attempt has come nearly all that we call human history—money, poverty, ambition, war, prostitution, classes, empires, slavery—the long terrible story of man trying to find something other than God which will make him happy."

CS Lewis

What's your real treasure? By Frank Powell

*What thoughts occupy your mind when you have nothing else to think about?

*If everything was taken from you and only God was left, would he be enough?

*When you are stressed, where do you turn for relief?

*What have you sacrificed the most for?

*Where do you spend your time and money?

*What do you think you need to be happy?

*Is the idea of building a relationship with God burdensome or tedious?