

***What hinders our
prayers from
being answered?***

***“The effectual fervent
prayer of a righteous
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James 5: 16



“Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud: and he shall hear my voice.”
Psalm 55:17

231 The Greek is plural.

237 Isaiah 53:12

244 Some early manuscripts do not have verses 43 and 44.

- God commands us to pray - *Matt 26:41, Mark 13:33, Luke 18:1, I Tim 2:1, Eph 6:18, Rom 12:12*
- Prayer is entering God's presence - *Heb 4:14-16, Heb 8:1, Heb 9:24, Rom 8:34, II Chor 30:27, Isa 57:15, Rev 5:7-9, Rev 8:31, Luke 3:21, Eph 1:3, Eph 2:6, Col 3:1-2*
- The Bible encourages us to ask for things specifically in prayer - *Matt 21:22, John 16:23-26, Matt 18:19, John 14:13,14, Phil 4:6, I John 5:15*
- The Holy Spirit's empowering comes by prayer - *Acts 1:4-8, 13,14, Acts 4:31, Acts 13:1-4, John 7:37,38, Luke 11:13*

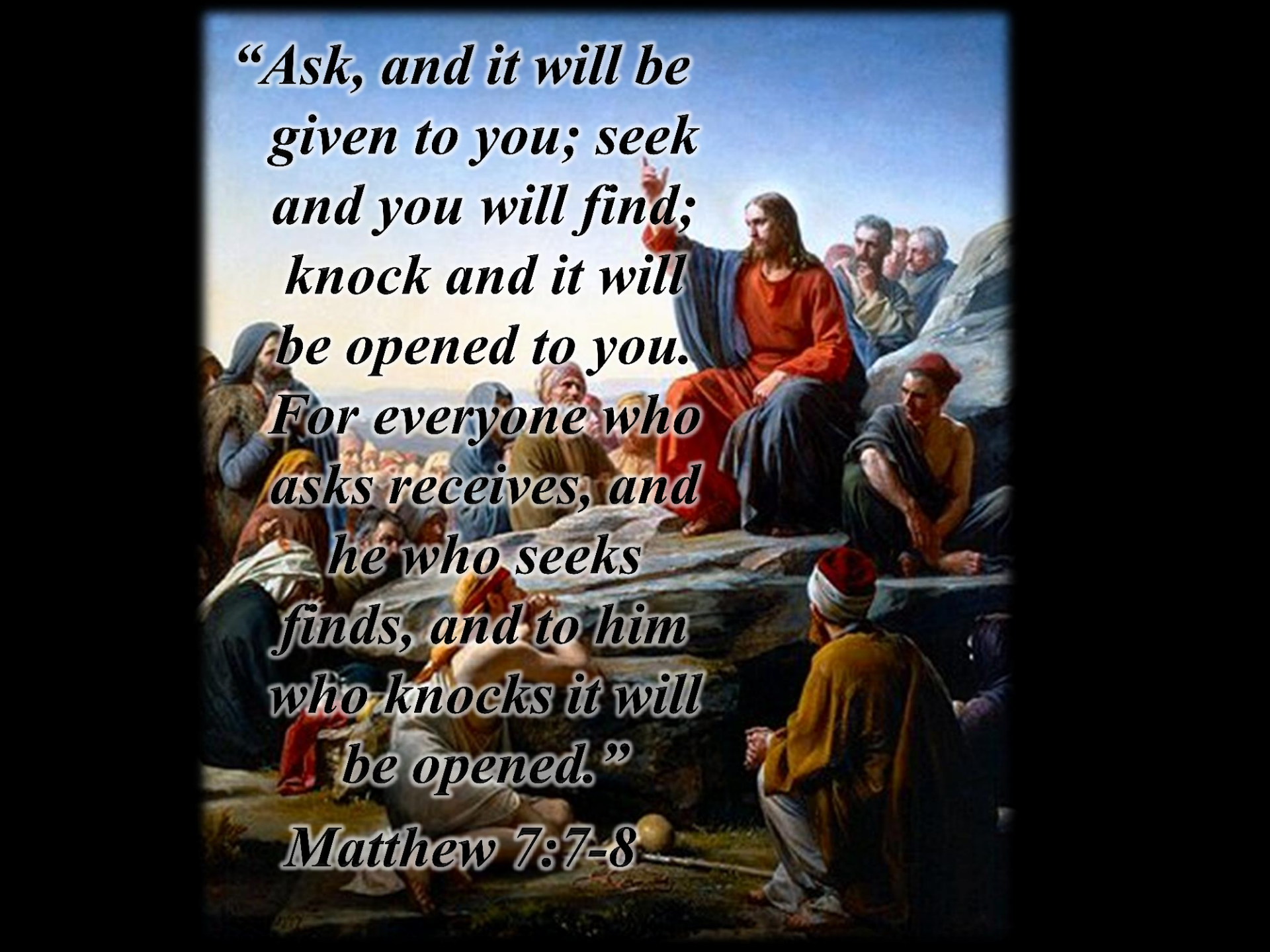
- Intercessory prayer is the ultimate, and necessary in "*putting on the whole armor of God*" - *Eph 6:12,17,18*
- We are commanded to pray continually - *Eph 6:18, I Thess 5:17, Luke 18:1, Rom 12:12, Ps 55:17, Luke 6:12, II Tim 1:3*
- Prayer needs to be persistent, and prevailing - *Luke 11:5-13, Luke 18:1-8, James 5:16-18, Heb 5:7, Isa 62:6-7, Dan 10:2, Dan 10:12-13*
- God's guidance, and will for our lives is revealed through prayer - *James 1:5, Acts 13:1-3, Matt 26:39, Rom 15:30-32, Ps 37:4,5, Ps 40:1-8*

- The Holy Spirit intercedes for us when we pray - *Rom 8:14-16, 26, Phil 1:19, Jude 20*
- When Christians pray GREAT things can happen - (Pray moves the heart and hand of God on our behalf) - *Acts 1:1-14 ; 2:1, Acts 4:31, Acts 12:1-19, Acts 13:1-3, II Chor 7:14*
- Intercessory prayer on the behalf of others is effectual - *I Thess 3:10, Col 4:12, 2Cor 1:11, Luke 22:31-32, Acts 12:5, I John 5:15,16, Eph 3:14-21, Job 42:10*

- Prayer is crucial in the spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ - *Eph 6:19, Col 4:3, Acts 4:31, II Thess. 3:1-2, Matt 9:38, John 17:20-23, Rom 10:1*
- Throughout the Scriptures we see many encouragements to pray - *Ps 27:13-14, Ps 34:10, Ps 50:15, Ps 91:15, Ps 116:12-13, Isa 40:31, Isa 65:24, Luke 11:9, Phil 4:6-7, I John 5:14*
- Jesus' exhorts us to pray – “*Lord teach us to pray...*” - *John 14:13, John 14:14, John 15:7,8, John 15:16, John 16:23, John 16:24, John 16:26*

*Prayer is the means of
having our needs met*





*“Ask, and it will be
given to you; seek
and you will find;
knock and it will
be opened to you.
For everyone who
asks receives, and
he who seeks
finds, and to him
who knocks it will
be opened.”*

Matthew 7:7-8

*“Call unto me,
and I will
answer thee,
and shew thee
great and
mighty things,
which thou
knowest not.”*

Jer. 33:3



19 reasons our prayers are not answered



*“Then shall they cry unto the LORD, but he
will not hear them: he will even hide his
face from them at that time, as they have
behaved themselves ill in their doings.”*

Mic. 3:4

1) Unforgiveness –

Mark 11:25-26



2) An Ungrateful Heart –

I Thess. 5:16-19



3) Unbelief – *James 1:6-7*

4) Selfishness – *James 4:1-3*

5) Disobedience –

I John 3:22

6) Not asking others to pray
for you and with you –

Matthew 18:19



- 7) Idols – *Ezekiel 14:2-5*
- 8) Neglecting the poor and needy – *Proverbs 21:13*
- 9) Lack of reconciliation – *Matthew 5:23-24*
- 10) Not wanting to wait on God for the answer – *Isa. 30:18, Isa. 40:31*
- 11) Wrong motives – *Matthew 6:5-6, James 4:3*



12) Not praying
according to the will of
God – *1 John 5:14-15*

13) Judgmental and
critical spirit –
Matthew 7:1-5, 7

14) Not being persistent
in prayer – *Luke 18:1-7*

15) Stinginess in giving –
Proverbs 3:9-10



16) Not praying in Jesus
name - *John 14:13-14;*
15:16; 16:23-24

17) Iniquity – *Isaiah 59:2;*
Ps. 66:18

18) Not being a child of God
– *Matt. 7:7-11*

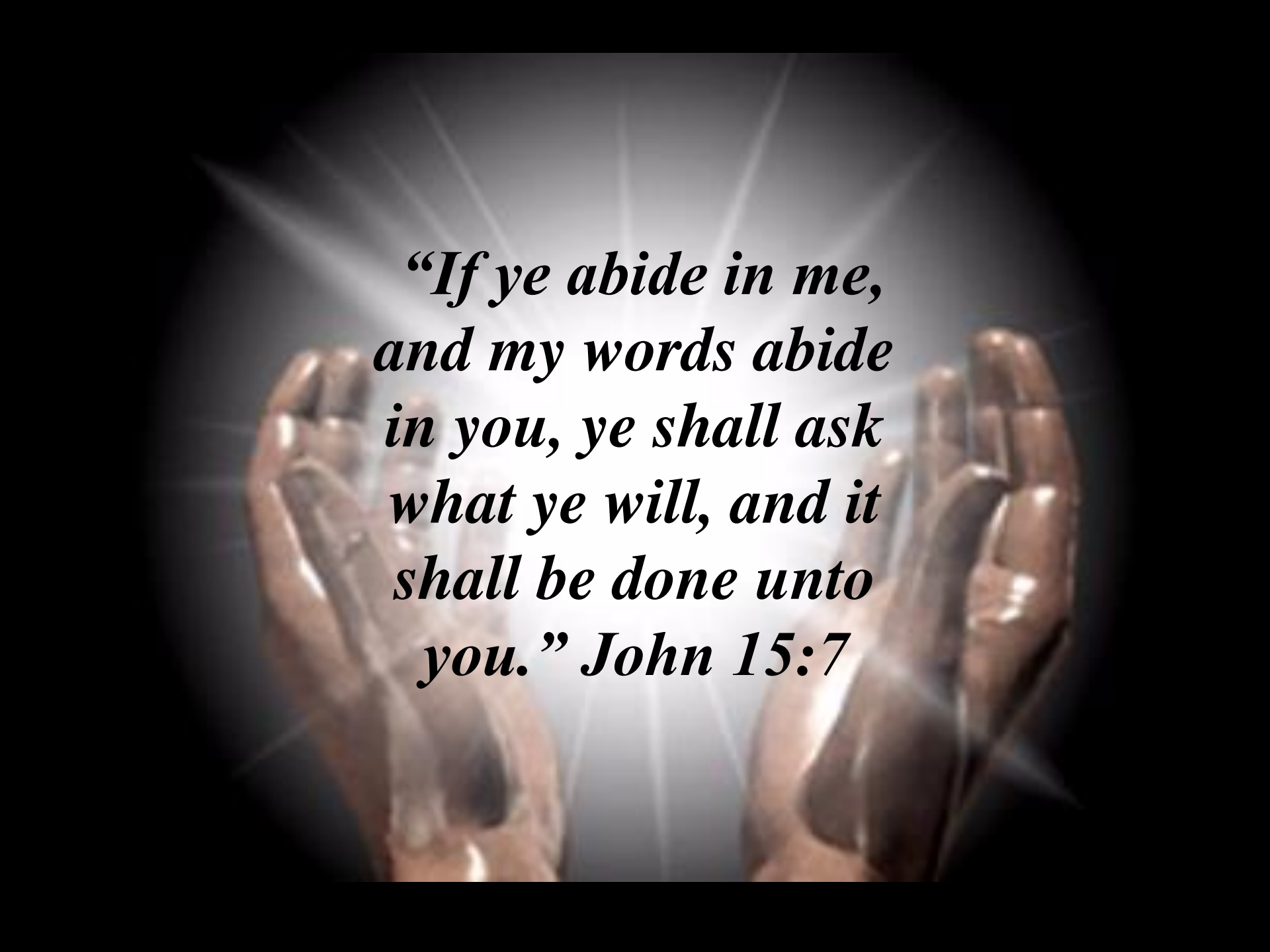
19) Bad relationship
between husband and
wife – *1 Peter 3:7*



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- **Effectual** - *That which is capable of or successful in producing a desired effect.*
- **Fervent** - *Intensely passionate; having or showing great emotion or zeal.*

A pair of hands is shown raised in prayer, palms facing up. The hands are positioned on either side of the central text. The background is dark with several bright, white light rays emanating from behind the hands, creating a dramatic and spiritual atmosphere. The text is centered and written in a bold, italicized serif font.

***“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***