

## THE THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW

### **PRAYING WITH CONFIDENCE**

1 John 5:14-15      Jeff Schreve

*This is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him. 1 John 5:14-15*

**What do YOU need to pray with confidence and assurance?**

**1. You need to make sure your heart is right before God.**

- A. Check for any unconfessed sin.
- B. Check for any impure motives.

**2. You need to make sure your requests are in His will.**

- A. God's will is always better than your will.  
*And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.*  
*Romans 12:2*
- B. God's will is revealed in His Word.  
*"If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it shall be done for you. By this is My Father glorified, that you bear much fruit, and so prove to be My disciples." John 15:7-8*
- C. God's will brings boldness and certainty to your prayers.

**3. You need to make sure your prayers are in faith.**

*But if any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all generously and without reproach, and it will be given to him. But he must ask in faith without any doubting, for the one who doubts is like the surf of the sea, driven and tossed by the wind. For that man ought not to expect that he will receive anything from the Lord, being a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. James 1:5-8*

A. Faith believes that God is good.

B. Faith believes that God is able.

C. Faith believes that God will answer in a big way!

*Jabez was more honorable than his brothers, and his mother named him Jabez saying, "Because I bore him with pain." Now Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, "Oh that You would bless me indeed and enlarge my border, and that Your hand might be with me, and that You would keep me from harm that it may not pain me!" And God granted him what he requested. 1 Chronicles 4:9-10*

**If you will pray in this way, God will answer you!**