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- Become yielded and surrendered to You...
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- Ask with faith and not give up...
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- Be specific. Write down what you need from God...

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***Conditions Needed for Answered Prayer***

1. Get rid of sin!

*"If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened."* - Psalm 66:18

*"Surely the arm of the LORD is not too short to save, nor His ear too dull to hear. But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear."* - Isaiah 59:1,2

What are some areas of known sin that at times I tolerate in my life:

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*"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."* - James 5:16

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3. Live a righteous life.

*"For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and His ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."* - 1 Peter 3:12

4. Obey God!

*"Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from Him anything we ask, because we keep His commands and do what pleases Him."* - 1 John 3:21,22

**"Pray and Obey"**

## 5. Abide (remain) in Christ.

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- To “abide” in Christ means that I submit to Him.

## 6. Have faith.

*“Jesus said... ‘all things are possible to him who believes.’” – Mark 9:23*

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My faith must be two-fold:

- Faith that He is.
- Faith that He loves me and is able and willing for my best.

*“I, the Lord, am your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt; open your mouth wide and I will fill it.” – Psalm 81:10*

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The Process of Praying According to God’s Will:

“We ask” = Our Request

“He hears” = His Response

“We know” = Our Realization

“We have” = The Result

- We pray according to the will of God when we are led by the Spirit of God.

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Psalm 66:18

Prayer Warriors!

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