

God Absolutely

“God Answers Prayer Absolutely”

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The two great motivations of prayer are **getting to know God** and **getting answers** to our prayers.

If our request is wrong God says, **“No.”**

If the timing is wrong God says, **“Slow.”**

If we are wrong God says, **“Grow.”**

If everything is right God says, **“GO!”**

1. When God answers, “No”

- God’s **foreknowledge** eliminates our ignorant desires.
- His ways and thoughts are **not our ways** and thoughts but are **higher** than our ways.

“For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,” declares the Lord. As the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.” Is. 55:8-9

2. When God answers, “Not yet”

- God’s timing is always **perfect**.

“Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” Gal. 6:9

- There is a time for **everything**.

“There is a time for everything under the sun...” Ecc. 3:1-8

3. When the problem is you.

- A prayer that **isn’t prayed**.

“You do not have because you do not ask God.” James 4:2

- **Selfish** motives

“When you ask, you do not receive because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.” James 4:3

- Cherished **sin**

“Your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear.” Is. 59:2

- **Idols** in the heart

“These men have set up idols in their hearts and put wicked stumbling blocks before their faces. Should I let them inquire of Me at all?” Ez. 14:1-8

- A **stingy** heart

“If a man shuts his ears to the cries of the poor, he too will cry out and not be heard.”
Prov. 21:13

- An **unforgiving** heart

“If you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.” Mark 11:25

- Broken **relationships**

“Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.” 1 Peter 3:7

- Wavering **faith**

“But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That man should not think he will receive anything from the Lord. He is a double-minded man, unstable in all he does.” James 1:5-7

“Prayer lays hold of God's plan and becomes the link between His will and its accomplishment on Earth.” — Elisabeth Elliot