

PREREQUISITES FOR PRAYER

Intro. All agree prayer impt. Why pray? How pray. Bombarding, Mt 6:7. News bulletin, Mt 6:8. Do you receive answers. How many this year? How receive. Theologically we say in will of God. And true from Divine aspect. But how to be in will of God when pray. How to say 1 Jn 3:22a. Human or experiential aspect of prayer. Can say this vs? Can if meet 2 conditions.

I. CONFIDENCE, 19-21.

- A. About what? Uncondemning heart. On praying ground.
- B. How? Hereby in 19 is big arrow pointing back.
1. By being Pure, 3:1-3. Like Him. and way to do it is by seeing Him now.
 2. By being righteous, 4-9, esp 7. Habitual and by victory that is thru X. Destroy is undone. Devil has no united front now.
 3. By being Loving, 10-18. No hate and proof is no murder, 15 (cf. Mt 5:21) and unselfishness, 17-18. Look at income tax deductions and can see how loving you are.

Hereby. ~~But~~ without prejudice bec before God, 19 and God knows truth if we're too sensitive or too harsh on selves. Don't look for things not there, but be honest. Assure means tranquilize.

Illus. Taking visitors thru dorm. Always count on Blasko's room. He's at ease every day. Others assure selves by gambling that I won't come. Some could never have confidence. When God looks at the rooms in your life, do you have confidence?

II. OBEDIENCE, 22-24.

- A. In Believing, 23a. To Xns. Is His NAME powerful enuf to overcome anger, pride, ambition, gossip, frustration, desire.
- B. By loving. As above.
- C. By Abiding, 24. Keeping commandments.

Concl. Blank check usual illus of praying.
Notice that to fill in check certain prereq.
nec. (1) Know how to write. (2) know how
to write properly. 2 checks in last year
out of 121 returned. One postdated, and
one unsigned. I filled in but not properly.
Proper filling in of prayer check requires
confidence and obedience. Then can have 121/121
answered.

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