

Persistence in Prayer

Saturday 24 May 2014



1. What do you think are some of the most common topics of prayer across the world?
2. What is the purpose of prayer?
3. A.C.T.S is an acronym by which to remember key elements of prayer (Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving and Supplication). Are any of these elements, rightly or wrongly, given more emphasis than others?
4. What does it mean to always be in prayer?
5. What stops you praying? What keeps you praying?
6. If God already knows our needs and hearts, why do we need to pray?
7. Does prayer change God's mind? Is God's will unalterable or conditional or both? Is there a cumulative effect if more people pray?
8. How boldly should we frame our requests to God? Should we straightforwardly tell Him what we wish Him to do, and leave it at that? Or should we pray only provisionally, saying, "Lord, if it be your will, please answer this request?"
9. How long should we persist in making a request of God? Do we reach a point when persevering in prayer amounts to pushing God and refusing to accept His will? When does persistent praying indicate faith, and when stubbornness?
10. Are answers to prayers conditional upon our persistence and faithfulness? Do our behaviours and attitudes affect the response received to prayer?
11. Why do some prayers remain unanswered? How do we know the difference between God wanting us to wait for something and God saying no?
12. How do we know when something is an answer to prayer and not just a coincidence or a natural outcome of cause and effect?
13. Does God still respond to prayer with audible/visual confirmation as He did in the Bible?
14. What is one practical step we can take to enhance our prayer life this coming week?