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### John 14: PRAYER: The Mystery of Unanswered Prayer

#### I. HOW TO PRAY

A. "In Jesus' Name" - John 14:13,14; 15:16b

1. Limits of His \_\_\_\_\_ - He will not force anyone to do anything against their own will

2. Confines of His \_\_\_\_\_ I John 5:14,15

3. Framework of His nature and character

B. "If you remain in Me" - John 15:7 - a life of \_\_\_\_\_.  
How can we do that? The next phrase tells us:

C. "My Words remain in you" - John 15:7

D. "According to His will" - I John 5:14,15

E. "If you \_\_\_\_\_" - Matt. 21:22

#### II. WHY PRAYERS ARE UNANSWERED (not a complete list!)

A. Willful \_\_\_\_\_

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

Isa. 59:2 - "your sins have hidden His face from you, so that He will not hear"

I Peter 3:12 - "the face of the Lord is against those who do evil"

B. Wrong \_\_\_\_\_ - James 4:3 - "When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives."

C. Wrong relationships - I Peter 3:7 - "be considerate as you live with your wife...so that nothing will hinder your prayers."

D. Idols in my life - Ex. 14:1-3 IDOL: anything that comes between God and me.

E. Spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ - James 4:6

F. No one but God knows! - Deut. 29:29 - "The secret things belong to the Lord."

### III. WAYS PRAYERS ARE ANSWERED

A. Yes - Immediately - Matt. 14:22-31

B. Delayed or Yes – but \_\_\_\_\_ - John 11

C. “No” - II Cor. 12:1-10 “No” is an \_\_\_\_\_!!!

D. \_\_\_\_\_ - Rom. 5:3

Why does God say “no”?

1. He \_\_\_\_\_ things we don't.

Heb. 4:13a – “Nothing is all creation is hidden from God's sight.”

Prov. 2:8 – “He guards the course of the just and protects the way of His faithful ones.”

2. His Kingdom is more important than ours.

Isa. 55:8,9 – God's ways higher than our ways.

Heb. 11:39,40 – “none of them received what had been promised. God had planned something better for us...”

3. His \_\_\_\_\_ is broader than ours. Isa. 46:10 – “My purpose will stand.”

Behind every problem there is a \_\_\_\_\_ – but not necessarily an explanation!

Do I trust God, even when I don't understand? Is God worthy of my praise, even when nothing seems to be going right? If He never answers another prayer for me, is His sacrifice on the cross for my sins enough for me? YES!!!

But what about when I've done all I need to do; I've asked God to show me anything in my life that is hindering my prayer from being answered; and there is no answer?

1. Don't give up on \_\_\_\_\_ - “Do I trust God?”

2. Don't give up on \_\_\_\_\_ - keep on praying

3. Don't give up on \_\_\_\_\_ - keep on believing

4. Keep praying “Your will be done”

5. Trust and obey - stay \_\_\_\_\_!

