

Prayer - Talking with God

Rate yourself from 1 to 10 on the scales below by placing an X on the place best describing what you believe about prayer.

<i>God answers my prayers...</i>									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Never				Sometimes		Always			
<i>I pray...</i>									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Never				Sometimes		Always			
<i>Praying for me, is easy...</i>									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Never				Sometimes		Always			

John knew that he had been driving too fast. How fast he didn't exactly know. When he saw the policeman pull out behind him and start following him, he started to get worried. "God if I ever needed help I need it now. I just got my license and my parents are going to kill me if I get a ticket for speeding. If you get me out of this one, I'll promise not to speed through here again."

Is it fair of John to ask God to help him?

Why should God answer John's prayer?

Would you answer the prayer if you were God?

How should we pray?

There are four types of prayers recorded in the Bible. They spell the acrostic **ACTS**.

A doration - praising God for who He is	1 Timothy 1:7
C onfession - admitting our sins before God	Psalm 32
T hanksgiving - giving thanks for all things	1 Thessalonians 5:18
S upplication - making requests of God	Philippians 4:6-7

When should we pray?

Ephesians 6:18 _____ 1 Thessalonians 5:17 _____

What should we expect from God?

God answers our prayer one of three ways: *yes, no, or wait*.

YES - HANNAH'S PRAYER FOR A SON (1 Samuel 1:11, 19,20)

NO - DAVID'S PRAYER FOR GOD TO SAVE HIS SON (2 Samuel 12:15-18)

WAIT - ABRAHAM'S REQUEST FOR A SON (Genesis 15:2-5)

The kind of prayer God always answers everytime, is prayer that is...

_____ (1 John 5:14,15).

What can you pray right now for yourself or others that is according to God's will?

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