

## CONDITIONS FOR ANSWERED PRAYER

### 1. I have to ask

- *You do not have because you do not ask God.* (James 4:2b)

### 2. I must be "relationally" right

- Vertically (obedient and forsaking sin)
  - *If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened; he has attended to the voice of my prayer.* (Psalm 66:18–19)
- Horizontally (a harmonious marriage and a forgiving spirit) (1 Peter 3:7; Mark 11:25)

### 3. I must have the right motives

- *You ask and do not receive, because you ask with the wrong motives, so that you may spend it on your pleasures.* (James 4:3)

### 4. I must keep at it and not quit

- *Pray without ceasing.* (1 Thessalonians 5:17)
- *And I say to you, ask, and it shall be given to you; seek and you shall find; knock and it shall be opened.* (Luke 11:8)

### 5. I must pray in Christ's "name" and in line with God's will

- *This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have what we've asked of him.* (1 John 5:14–15)
- *Whatever you ask the Father in my name he will give you.* (John 16:23)

### 6. I must do my part

- *And we prayed to our God and set a guard as a protection against them day and night.* (Nehemiah 4:9)