



## CELL GUIDE

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**TOPIC** Assurance of Answered Prayer

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**THEME** Five Assurances for Every Believer:  
2 Tim 1:12-14

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# MESSAGE SUMMARY

## INTRODUCTION

Mr Goh opened with John 15:7 - If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. The key to answered prayer is obedience to God and to have His words abide in us. Outlined below are the 5 strategies and handles to guide us in having our prayers answered.

## HANDLES TO ANSWERED PRAYERS

### 1) YOU MUST HAVE A CLOSE RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

There are 3 questions that we should reflect on in determining the relationship we have with God.

- a) Do I have any unconfessed sin? 1 John 1: 8 says If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. We need to guard against the sin of complaining. It is prevalent in our culture and we may do so unknowingly. The other area is to remember our core value "No condemnation, comparison nor competition but encouragement always." Sometimes, we tend to compare ourselves with others in an attempt to make ourselves look better than others. The third area is the mask of hypocrisy that we don. This should not be the case. Instead, we should lead Christ-like lives all the time. Mr Goh encourages us to repent and respond to the Holy Spirit's conviction.
- b) Am I currently ignoring any of God's principle? 1 John 3:21-22 - Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him.
- c) Do I really want God's will for my life? 1 John 5:14 - This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. Certain aspects of our lives such as keeping healthy (i.e., eating well and exercising) or reaching out to our loved ones and oikos are clearly in alignment with God's will. There is no need to ponder whether such activities are in accordance to His will. If our request is correct and timing is right, God will answer our prayers. However, we have to be patient for God to answer our prayers in His Time.

## 2) YOU MUST HAVE A FORGIVING ATTITUDE

Having a forgiving attitude is important because Mark 11: 24-25 records that when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins. In addition, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. Hebrews 12:15 also emphasizes that “See to it that no one falls short of the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.”

Mr Goh also encouraged husbands to be considerate as they live with their wives, and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder their prayers (1 Peter 3:7).

## 3) YOU MUST BE WILLING TO SHARE THE RESULTS OF ANSWERED PRAYERS

It is important that when we are blessed, we should be a blessing to others. Proverbs 21:13 Whoever shuts their ears to the cry of the poor will also cry out and not be answered. The Bible records that if anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? If our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him.

## 4) YOU MUST BELIEVE THAT GOD WILL ANSWER

When we come to the Lord in prayer, we must believe by faith that He will answer. Without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him (Heb 11:6). When we ask in prayer, we must not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord.

## 5) YOU MUST PRAY IN JESUS' NAME

John14:13 “And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.”

## CONCLUSION

Our Father in Heaven desires to give us good gifts and longs to bless us. Matthew 7:7-11 says “Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; the one who seeks finds; and to the one who knocks, the door will be opened. “Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!

We are encouraged to reflect on the 5 strategies and handles to guide us in having our prayers answered. Obedience to God and to have His words abide in us are key to answered prayers; we are to be patient for God to answer our prayers in His Good Timing.

# QUESTIONS

1. A. Share an answered prayer and what you did when God blessed you with it.  
Or  
B. Share about something you have been praying about but have not heard from God. Do you find the silence deafening and have you thought of why God has not answered you?

2. Out of the five conditions for answered prayers, which ones do you struggle with the most and why?

3. Obedience to God and to have His words abide in us are key to answered prayers; we must also be patient for God to answer our prayers in His Good Timing.  
What are practical steps and handles that you can take to grow in the area of obedience, abiding and waiting?