

**Sunday, 7 May, 2023**

**What Jesus Taught About Prayer Series**

**Part 1: A Successful Prayer Life is Built Upon the Word**

Jesus taught that a successful prayer life must be built on the Word. Our prayers will be fruitful when our prayers are based on the Word.

- 1 Whether our prayers are answered depends more on us than on God – John 15:7
  - 1.1 Abiding in Jesus helps to build a successful prayer life – John 15:7
    - 1.1.1 Abide means to dwell, remain, and continue in.
    - 1.1.2 To abide in Jesus means to continue in His teachings, in His Words - 1 John 2:24, 1 John 3:24
  - 1.2 The Word abiding in you helps to build a successful prayer life – John 15:7
    - 1.2.1 If you do not know the Word of God, you are at a disadvantage.
    - 1.2.2 Put God's Word in you - His Word cannot abide in you if you do not know what it says.
    - 1.2.3 If His Word abides in you, then you will have light and revelation concerning the will of God.
- 2 Four things that will happen in your prayers when the Word abides in you
  - 2.1 You will have a scriptural foundation for your prayers – Matthew 7:24-25
  - 2.2 You will desire the correct things – John 15:7
  - 2.3 You will not pray unnecessary prayers – 2 Corinthians 6:14
  - 2.4 You will pray according to God's will – 1 John 5:14-15

**Conclusion:** Jesus taught that a successful prayer life is built upon the Word. We build our prayer life upon the Word by abiding in the teachings of Jesus and by His Word abiding in us.

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Why does receiving answers to our prayers depend more on us than on God?
2. How can you abide in Him?
3. How can His Word abide in you?