



Why Doesn't God Answer My Prayers?

"Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful."
~Colossians 4:2

"For this reason, since the day we heard about you, we have not stopped praying for you."
~Colossians 1:9

"Then Jesus told His disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up."
~Luke 18:1

"Be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people."
~Ephesians 6:18

Four Biblical Reasons to Keep on Praying

1. Persistent praying **focuses my attention.**

"Look to the Lord and ask Him for help..." ~Psalm 105:4

2. Persistent praying **clarifies my request.**

"In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us through wordless groans." ~Romans 8:26

3. Persistent praying **tests my faith.**

"Fire tests the purity of silver and gold, but the LORD tests the heart." ~Proverbs 17:3

² *"My brothers and sisters, be very happy when you are tested in different ways. ³You know that such testing of your faith produces endurance. ⁴Endure until your testing is over. Then you will be mature and complete, and you won't need anything."* ~James 1:2-4

4. Persistent praying **prepares my heart for the answer.**

"...keep on praying.." ~Ephesians 6:18

"Pray continually." ~1 Thessalonians 5:17

Two keys while waiting:

1. Wait **patiently.**

"Be still and know that I am God..." ~Psalm 46:10

2. Wait **expectantly.**

"Surrender yourself to the LORD, and wait patiently for Him."
~Psalm 37:7

Two truths to remember:

1. God **is in control** and **you are not.**

2. God will **honor your patience.**

