

PRAYER: GETTING REAL WITH GOD...PART II

Tool #3 – Be honest in prayer about what you need/want from Him (continued)

Hezekiah – **2 Kings 20:1-7, 12-16**

- 9. How did Hezekiah approach God?
- 10. Did Hezekiah receive what he wanted from God?
- 11. Did Hezekiah appreciate God answering his prayer? Explain
- 12. What were the consequences?

Take about 5-10 minutes and write an honest prayer to God

Tools #4 – Daily walk in expectation of an answer. Continually listen for His voice.

There are generally four categories of answers God gives: No (do not proceed), Go (proceed), Slow (proceed but carefully) and Grow (Gain some experience then ask again). Be ready to accept the answer God gives you.

- 13. How did Hezekiah receive his answer from God? **2 Kings 20:5**
- 14. What is a key of answered prayers? **James 5:16**
- 15. What is a key to receiving the desires of our heart? **Psalms 37:4**
- 16. What is another key to answered prayer? **Matthew 6:33**

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CONCLUSIONS

There is no magic method to prayer, but you should do whatever is necessary to get God's attention, as Bartimaeus did. The key is to go to Jesus just as you are and to be totally real and honest with Him about your actions and circumstances, understanding that you are nothing without Him. He wants you to come to Him to seek His advice that you might follow His path and not your own, as Hezekiah did. Many people fail to realize that prayer is a two-way communication street. After you talk to Him you must then listen and do what He says. He may not give an answer at that moment. Therefore, your 'spiritual ears' have to always be open to hear His revelations. Prayer should be a lifestyle, a daily and realistic communication with God. Prayer is not to be used as a rescue tool only, but also to give praises to God no matter what the circumstances are. Evaluate your prayer life and make necessary changes that will improve your communication with and understanding of the will of God.