



PRA YER:

Does it really matter?

Understanding Prayer is a Complex Matter!

*Lk 11.¹¹ “Which of you fathers, if your son asks for a fish, will give him a snake instead?
¹² Or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? ¹³ 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 the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!”*

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- *What I pray for may not be what is best...*
- *What I pray for may require significant changes in other people.*
- *Answers to my prayers may need to begin with changes taking place in me.*
- *What I pray for may require me to take some personal responsibility for the answer.*

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- *What I pray for may not be consistent with God's purposes, plans and timing.*
- *Even when I pray otherwise, God will allow me to go through difficulties I would rather be protected from.*
- *My prayers will create conflicts in a spiritual realm between the forces of God and the forces of Satan that are beyond my ability to see or comprehend.*

When it Seems Like Your Prayers Don't Matter, Remember...

- *Prayer is warfare!*
- *In the midst of this warfare remember that God hears and responds like a good father regardless of what it may seem like.*