

Giving an Answer (I Peter 3:15)

Do We Pray Correctly?

Answer the following questions, in order, and see what you come up with. Use Scriptures to support your answers for questions 2-13.

1. In your years attending with brethren (here and elsewhere), have you heard things in prayers that you question? If so, list them for discussion.

2. In your studies of God's word, have you found that things prayed for, even in the New Testament, required direct intervention by God (the Father, Son, or Holy Spirit)?

3. Why would it be important to know if things required God's direct influence or not?

4. Can we pray for God to "guide, guard, and protect us"?

5. Can we pray for God to "help the doctors working with someone"?

6. Can we pray for God to "put his arms around someone"?

7. Can we pray for God to "deliver someone back home safely" that is traveling?

8. Can we pray for the teacher to "have a ready recollection of the things he's studied"?

9. Should we pray for all men?

10. Can we pray for God to "keep this congregation sound and growing"?

11. Can we pray for knowledge, wisdom, or faith?

12. To whom should we direct all prayers and through whom should we pray?

13. Is God a respecter of persons? Go back through the questions and look at your answers now in light of your answer to question 13.

14. Do you think we should word some prayers more generically (i.e. pray for God's providence in someone's life rather than somethin specific we cannot prove God will do)?