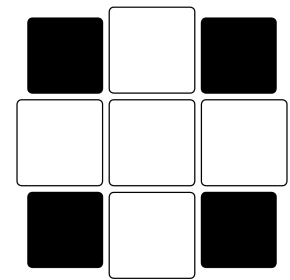


# Prayer, Assurance, and the Command of God

Scripture: 1 John 3:22-24a

Series: **Doctrine & Devotion: A Study in the First Epistle of John**

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## Overview

Have you ever asked yourself these questions?

- “How do I know God will answer my prayers?”
- “What does God want from me?”
- “How do I know that I know?”

As a response to our understanding the doctrine of how God relates to His people, we are to be **devoted to bold prayer**, have **clarity in evangelism**, and **assurance of faith**.

## Corroborating Texts

1 John 5:14-15, James 4:2-3, Psalm 66:18, Zephaniah 3:17, Matthew 7:7-11, James 2:22, John 15

## Discussion Questions

1. Describe your personal prayer life. Are you consistent with this discipline? Are you bold in your prayers? What helps your prayer life and what hinders it?
2. How do you respond when God doesn't answer your prayer—or doesn't in the way you want Him to? Do you trust Him or do you become bitter?
3. What does God expect? [belief in Jesus exclusively and love of others sacrificially] If that's what God expects, how are you doing?
4. What gets in the way of us doing what God expects? [unbelief and pride) Describe your struggles in these areas.
5. If we know and understand what God expects, how does that apply to evangelism?
6. Do you struggle with assurance? How can we know we have it? (Observable faith, the way we live. If we don't believe and love others we shouldn't be experiencing assurance; but if so we can be assured.)