

**Be Successful In Your Ministry 2025**  
**Metropolitan Baptist Church**  
**Weekly Bible Study**  
**Psalms 119:97**  
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**Study Subject: Prayers God Will Not Answer**  
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**Open It**

Can you remember a prayer that went unanswered? If so, what was your response? Did you go back and analyze what was requested of God? Did you ask yourself, am I asking within the will of God?

There are some prayers that go unanswered for a few reasons. For example, **Prayers with selfish motives:** Prayers for personal pleasure or to spend money on selfish desires, like buying a new car to impress others, may go unanswered.

Maybe this is a great time to go back and examine some of your unanswered prayers and make sure you are in alignment with the will of God.

**The Lesson**

**I. PRAYERS OF DOUBT ARE UNANSWERABLE—James 1:5-8 Read**

- a.** This passage bears a number of principles. One for sure is doubt. What are some other principles that can be found in this passage? \_\_\_\_\_
- b.** **Hebrews 11:5,6:** What is the key factor in this text as it pertains to answered prayers? \_\_\_\_\_
- c.** **Matthew 17:14-21**Read

- d. What was Jesus' message to His disciples? What did he identify was lacking in them? \_\_\_\_\_
- e. How important is it for us to do inventory of where we are in Christ? \_\_\_\_\_
- f. **James 4:1-3 Read**
- g. According to this passage, we pray but do not get what we ask for. Why? \_\_\_\_\_