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Prayer - Your Foundation For Success

4. Praying for Results

Chapter 2 teaches that prayer is the deciding factor in Christian success, and that God is eager to answer. It lays out a method: pray based on God's Word, believe you receive when you pray, speak and act in faith, and refuse doubt until the answer shows up.

Key takeaways

- Prayer is an attitude of constant communion with God, not just making requests or performing a religious exercise.
- God wants to answer you. Because He loves you as He loves Jesus, you are worthy to come boldly before Him.
- Base every prayer on God's Word — the Word is His will, so praying in line with it means praying in His will (salvation, healing).
- Believe you receive the moment you pray, not when you see the result. Hope points to the future; faith is now.
- Faith is released through words and must be backed by corresponding action — talk and act the answer, not the problem.

- Doubt causes defeat: SEE + FEAR + DOUBT = defeated faith (Peter sinking). Refuse doubt and keep your eyes on the Word.
- Prepare to succeed — no backup 'just in case' plan. A double-minded person never receives.

Passages worth keeping

> *"One percent of your time spent in prayer will produce only 1 percent results. Eighty percent prayer will bring 80 percent results."*

Frames the chapter's claim that outcomes track prayer life.

> *"Faith brings hope into reality and gives it substance. Hope is always in the future. Faith is always now."*

The pivotal distinction the method rests on.

How it connects

The chapter ties faith-filled words to how God created the worlds (Hebrews 11:3) and how Jesus raised the dead and healed by speaking — making the believer's confession a continuation of the same pattern.

Scripture referenced

- **Mark 11:24** -- Believe you receive when you pray — the core faith principle.

- **Hebrews 11:1** -- Faith is the substance of things hoped for; hope vs. faith.
- **Hebrews 4:16** -- Come boldly to obtain, not merely to hope.
- **Romans 10:17** -- Faith comes by hearing the Word of God.
- **1 John 5:14-15** -- Praying according to God's will means He hears and we have our petitions.
- **Matthew 14:24-31** -- Peter on the water — doubt turns faith to defeat.