

A PRAYER I NEED

"Lord, why couldn't I do it."

Matthew 17:19

You must pray in your own life so that God can build the character you need to reach into someone else's life.



A Few Thoughts

- When we pray, we talk to the Lord; we don't see Him.
- When the disciples prayed, they talked to the Lord; they saw Him.
- Prayer is communicating with Jesus - connecting our hearts with His.

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1. In Matt. 17:16, what couldn't the disciples do? _____
 2. ___Yes ___No Do you think the disciples thought they could do it?
 - **Matthew recorded 23 healing events by Jesus in his Gospel. We can be certain that many more healing events took place. The disciples saw these.**
 3. In Matthew 10:1, what did Jesus enable the disciples to do? _____
 4. When Jesus heals someone, who is doing the miracle? _____
 5. When a disciple heals someone, who is doing the miracle? _____
 6. If you lead a person to Christ, who did the miracle? ___You? ___Jesus?
 7. ___Yes ___No If Jesus does a healing or other miracle, will it always happen since Jesus is the power of God?
 8. ___Yes ___No If a disciple attempts a healing, will it always happen if that disciple is not leaning & trusting on the power of God (Jesus)?
 - **Obviously, that healing power of God still exists, but God does not use US to accomplish those ministries very much anymore. He mostly does it Himself.**

BOTTOM LINE - WHAT ABOUT OUR DAILY LIVES?

9. ___Yes ___No Have you ever attempted to overcome sinful thinking in your mind?
10. ___Yes ___No Have you also ever prayed, "Lord, why can't I do it?"
 - **"I am not honest and I can't stop it." "I have bad habits that I do not want to give up." "I want to pray regularly but I never do." "I won't forgive that guy."**
11. ___Yes ___No Do you pray, "Why can't I do it?" No? Why not?

 - **God wants to hear that prayer SO THAT He can tell you the answer.**
 - **James 4:2-3 - You do not have because you do not ask. When you do ask, you do it wrong. Ask God honestly for help and work hard to make it happen. Don't jerk God around."**
12. ___Yes ___No Have you been listening? What do you plan to do?
