

COOPERATING WITH GOD - 3
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REVIEW:

We've been teaching on our need to cooperate with God by following His instructions. If He says dip seven times in the Jordan river and we only dip six, our not cooperating with Him will deny us a miracle. This would be our fault, not God's.

CONTINUE: JAMES 4:3

Prayer is the same way, these people failed to receive from God because they asked amiss. The Greek word for amiss means bad, wrong or inappropriate. Strong's concordance defines it as "inner malice flowing out of a morally rotten character." Their motive for asking was bad, wrong or inappropriate.

GOD'S INSTRUCTIONS

- According to His will. **1 JOHN 5:14-15**
- Agreeing with His Word. **JOHN 15:7**
- Asking the Father in Jesus' name. **JOHN 16:23-27**
- With unwavering faith. **JAMES 1:6-8**
- Being free from worry. **PHILIPPIANS 4:6-8**
- Being properly motivated. **JAMES 4:3**

PRAYING FOR ALL MEN – 1 TIMOTHY 2:1-4

1. A threefold motivation.
 - A. To preserve public peace and promote good leadership. Government leaders have the power to promote good or evil. Prayer for these leaders is our duty.
 - B. It pleases God when we pray to promote godliness, holiness and righteousness in our nation.
 - C. God wills all men's salvation. He wills all men to acknowledge the truth of the gospel and make it the rule of their faith.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR A SICK NATION - 2 CHRONICLES 7:12-15

1. The peoples part.
 - A. Humble themselves. Deals with pride.
 - B. Pray. Deals with prayerlessness.
 - C. Seek His face. Deals with priorities.
 - D. Turn from wicked ways. Deals with being presumptuous.
2. God's part.
 - A. Hear from heaven.
 - B. Forgive their sin.
 - C. Heal their land.
 - This verse describes God's willingness to reverse judgment when His people repent.
 - **JOEL 2:12-14**
3. Daniel's prayer. **DANIEL 9:3-19 (GW)**
 - A. Israel today is in a state of defilement.
 - B. Our nation needs our prayers.
4. Nehemiah's prayer. **NEHEMIAH 1**
 - A. Adoration of God. **V5**
 - B. Confession of sin. **V6-7**
 - C. Reminds God of His promise. **V8-9**
 - D. Makes his request. **V10-11**