

Intro: Confident prayers are always answered

- Confidence 3:21 in D's presence - face to face encounter w/ D.

- James - nothing doubting - Heb 4:14

- in 3:21, John dealt, w a guise = worthy to ascend -

- To have boldness w/ D & receive what we ask is the normal Xian life -

5:17 - assurance of salvation & boldness in prayer are handmaidens - St. Steve & friends

How to Pray w/ Confidence

1- Clear Conscience - 21. emblem, - to

accuse oneself, to note accurately - the internal judgment of conscience -

John dealt w/ guilty consciences - keeps us from praying - take refuge in greatness of D - His mercy is greater than my sin

2- Keep His Commandments - watchful discernment - Habitual obedience to D, conformant to His will

3- Doing Things Pleasing In Sight - Habitual

more than # 2. obedience is a matter of duty, of submission - this is a matter of love.

4- According To His Will - the 1st 3 Laws

to do w/ the person praying = must be right - this refers to object - the prayer itself must be right - provision = "my will"

The answer is immediate - Mk 11:24, fulfillment later - I answer while we are asking

would you be surprised if D answered your prayers - in favor of St. Peter