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We've Got To Check Our Motives – Why Are We Asking?

■ (James 4:3 NIV) When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.
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■ Selfishness Is A Hindrance To Answered Prayer

■ “If we are indifferent to the needs of others, we can expect God to be indifferent to our needs.”

■ God Will Only Give To Us A Breakthrough If It Is For Our Own Good
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(Mat 7:9 NIV) "Which of you, if his son asks for bread, will give him a stone? (10) Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? (11) If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask him!"
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We Can't Afford To Hold On To Unforgiveness

■ (Heb 12:15 NIV) See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many.
(Mat 6:12 NIV) Forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. (13) And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.' (14) For if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. (15) But if you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.
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■ It’s Only When We Forgive That We Receive Forgiveness

■ (Mark 11:25 NIV) And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins."
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■ How Often Should We Forgive?

(Mat 18:21-22 NIV) Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, "Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother when he sins against me? Up to seven times?" (22) Jesus answered, "I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.
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■ What Is The Level Of Forgiveness We Ought To Apply To People?
■ (Col 3:13 NIV) Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.
■ (Eph 4:32 NIV) Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
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We Have To Deal With Unconfessed Sin

■ Sin Not Dealt With Becomes Blockage
■ Sin Is A Barrier To Fellowship With God
■ Sin Clouds God's Presence In Us
■ Sin Stops The Flow Of God's Answer
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■ (1 Sam 14:37 NIV) So Saul asked God, "Shall I go down after the Philistines? Will you give them into Israel's hand?" But God did not answer him that day.

■ (1 Sam 28:6 NIV) He inquired of the LORD, but the LORD did not answer him by dreams or Urim or prophets.
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■ (Psa 66:18 NIV) If I had cherished sin in my heart, the Lord would not have listened;

■ (Prov 28:9 NIV) If anyone turns a deaf ear to the law, even his prayers are detestable.
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- Sin Causes Separation Between You And God

(Isa 59:2 NIV) But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear.
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We Must Ask In Fervency & We Must Ask Continually

■ (James 5:16 NKJV) ... The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

■ (Mat 7:7 NIV) "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you."
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- **Fasting & Prayer Is Prayer That Gets Answers**
  
  *(Ezra 8:23 NIV)* So we fasted and petitioned our God about this, and he answered our prayer.

- **Fasting And Prayer Are Places Of Strength In Our Spiritual Lives** – We need them for such a time as this
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- The communication God desires is virtually impossible to attain if our spirit is subject to the flesh and mind rather than the mind and body being subject to the spirit.

- Fasting is that step whereby we set the desires of the mind and body aside temporarily so that our spirit is unhindered in communing with God.

Fasting And Prayer Will Bring You To The next Level of Relationship with the Lord
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WE ARE FASTING AND PRAYING FOR:

- A House that is full
- A Powerful life impacting ministry
- Spirit led & Spirit filled ministries
- Church be out of debt. Facilities paid off.
- Spiritual Mountains Moved & Blockages Removed
- A Season Of Revival And Restoration
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- Unless We Maintain Our Contact With God In Prayer (and Fasting) We Will Lose Two Things:

  1. We Lose Our Vitality
  2. We Lose Our Humility
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- Whatever Gifts God Has Given Us – We Lose Them When We Use Them For Ourselves
- We Keep Them When We Enrich Them By Continual Contact With The God Who Gave Them
- Fasting Is A Power Principle In Our Fight Against Satan
- Breakthroughs Come When God’s People Fast And Pray
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■ God Will Answer

■ God’s Timing Is Always Right

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