

ALWAYS PRAY AND DO NOT GIVE UP

(Luke 18:1)

Nine reasons God might not have answered my prayer:

1. God is doing something greater, something that will result in a deeper happiness and Holiness for me (Rom 8:26, John 14:13-14)
2. I don't believe that God will answer (James 1:5-8).
3. I am not treating my wife with respect (1 Peter 3:7).
4. I didn't actually ask or plead with God (James 4:2-3).
5. I asked with impure motives - to spend what I get on my selfish pleasures (James 4:2-3).
6. I have not forgiven someone who wronged me (Mark 11:22-25).
7. If I see sin in my life and am not repenting or if I haven't given my life to Christ yet (Psalm 66:18).
8. I am not helping the oppressed, poor, or needy (Isaiah 58:2-9).
9. I have not prayed long enough or I gave up or I didn't follow one of the other principles we learned about in PRAYERS.

Seven reasons I might not yet have received physical healing:

1. I took communion in an unworthy manner (1 Cor 11:23-34)
2. Satan is attacking (2 Cor 12:7/Job).
3. God has a reason to allow this suffering in my life (2 Cor 12:7/Job).
4. God is giving me or someone an opportunity (Galatians 4:13-14).
5. This world is cursed; it sucks and bad things just happen (Luke 13:4-5).
6. Disobedience or discipline (Hebrews 12:5-11/Psalm 119:67-75).
7. I make bad decisions (reality).

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