How to Pray with Confidence

(How to receive God's answers to prayer)

(1 John 5:14-15)

Introduction:

* Effective prayer that gets answers involves lining up our will to God's; We must pray according to God's will before we can expect Him to answer!

What does it mean to "pray according to His will"?

I. Praying according to God's will takes into consideration... God's <u>PROMISES</u> (The Bible) (Make your request based on God's <u>Word</u>, because He gives us <u>right</u> things.)

II. Praying according to God's will takes into consideration... God's <u>GOODNESS</u> (Make your request based on God's <u>Love</u>, because He gives us <u>benevolent</u> things.)

- III. Praying according to God's will takes into consideration... God's <u>WISDOM</u> (Make your request based on God's <u>all knowing mind</u>, because He gives us <u>the best</u> things.)
- IV. Praying according to God's will takes into consideration... God's <u>TIMING</u>

(Make your request based on God's <u>time-clock</u>, because He gives us <u>timely</u> things.)