What Are You <u>Believing</u>?

Doubt is the belief, suspicion, or fear that God does not <u>hear</u>, <u>care</u>, or <u>answer</u> prayer.

What are your presently, right now, believing God to do? Don't pretend you have faith when you really doubt that he will answer you and bless you. Real faith trusts God's goodness and promises.

Be specific in the request that you *long for*, *believe God wants*, and *are willing to persist for*.

In Your Heart?

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In Your Life or Family?		
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In Your Church and Community?

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There's Only One Impossibility

"But without faith <u>it is impossible</u> to please Him; for he that comes to God must believe that He is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him." Hebrews 11:6

Prayer is, and always should be, the core of the church. It is the umbilical cord that ties us to the Lord Jesus. Jesus said, "Without me you can do (accomplish) nothing." Paul goes further expounds this truth in Hebrews 11 when he declares that it is virtually impossible to please God without seeking Him, and believing that He hears and answers.

Conditions for Answered Prayer

To put it another way, without being involved in believing prayer you cannot expect that you can approach God, nor receive any reward from Him. Let's look at the conditions of believing prayer:

I. Believe that He is...

- 1. He is Able Jeremiah 32:17,27
- 2. He is Sovereign I Chronicles 29:11
- 3. He is Still on the Throne Ephesians 1:18-21
- 4. He is Listening Psalm 34:15

II. Believe he rewards "diligent seekers"

- 1. He Answers Isaiah 59:1-2
- 2. He Does More Than We Ask Ephesians 3:20
- 3. He Rewards Us Luke 11:9-13

Are You a "Believer?"

God is not a wishing well that we should cast our prayer coins at His feet and hope for the best. Wishful praying is not praying in faith. It is not part of Jesus' promise that "when you pray, believe that you shall have..." Jesus meant "know assuredly" that you will have, not wish hard enough and maybe God will hear you.