

## John 15:7-8

**If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples.**

Sometimes we pray from our hearts with all earnestly waiting for God to answer our prayers, and sometimes, for some reason, He says no. The reason may be two words I just mentioned, and those words are “our hearts”, which is not bad, but the question is, even though it may be in your heart, is it God’s heart? Sure, it may sound right and good, but is it really God’s will or heart?

I remember I used to covet the gift of Evangelism, I would see Pastors like Greg Laurie, or Raul Ries, or Billy Graham do altar calls and see hundreds come to Jesus, and I wanted that gift. But even though it was a good request and from my heart, it wasn’t God’s heart or will for me. I also remember when I started teaching, that I was doing a teaching on the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and when it came time to teach on the gift of Evangelism, I really struggled with it, and I had to admit that to God, Who, in His love, grace and mercy told me clearly that it was not the gift that He had for me, but He had gifted me to teach, and that He had given me that gift so that I could help equip those who do have the gift of Evangelism to go out and use their gift. With that I felt good about it and I am totally content and happy teaching and not being an Evangelist.

That’s just one example, but what about you? Have you been praying earnestly for something but all you are hearing is no as the answer? Ask yourself, is it really God’s will or just something you think you want or need, or even ask yourself would it really be good for you and glorify God?

Maybe it’s some guy or girl you want to date, but God is saying no way. Maybe it’s about your job or another job and God is saying no. Or it could be \_\_\_\_\_ you fill in the blank.

If you are married and you look back over the years, think of all those guys or girls you may have dated, and now look at who God has blessed you with. I’m sure in a lot of cases you could find those people on social media and realize why God said no. But don’t even waste your time, but rather let’s all learn to thank God for when He is saying no and ask Him to reveal His heart and will to us, so that we can start praying for things that God will say Yes too.

To end today’s Devo, we are familiar with the next verse. But remember that your definition of **good** in this verse may not be God’s definition of **good** in what you are praying for, no matter how right you may think it is.

† **Matthew 7:11** *If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!*

Because God says:

† **Isaiah 55:8-9** *"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, Nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways, And My thoughts than your thoughts."*